**After reading the author’s note in *Into the Wild* complete these questions, which are based on that section of reading.**

Read and annotate the author’s note. After, on separate sheet of paper, reply to the following questions. Responses must be thoughtful and in depth.

1. What might have McCandless’s motives been for his behavior? (Hint: Look at paragraph 3.)
2. In paragraph 4, in the very last sentence, Krakauer introduces some themes of the book. Choose one and respond to it. Based on what you’ve learned about McCandless so far in this introduction, do you feel that this theme holds some merit? Why or why not?
3. In paragraph 5, Krakauer warns us that he will not be an impartial biographer. What does this mean? Are all biographers impartial? What might we expect from Krakauer given this statement?

**After watching the short** [**video**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVSR4zEJvtg)**, we completed the following activity. For absent students, please write down five values of American society.**

At the end of the video, McCandless’s parents offer to purchase Chris a new car, which is indicative our values in this society.

* In your group you will respond to the question, what are the current values of American society?
* Brainstorm a list of at least 5 things held sacred in our society, today.
* Be prepared to discuss these things with the entire class.