

Summer Reading 2023-2024

Standard 11th Grade English III

Required Reading:*

- *Into the Wild* by John Krakauer

"In April 1992, a young man from a well-to-do family hitchhiked to Alaska and walked alone into the wilderness north of Mt. McKinley. His name was Christopher Johnson McCandless. He had given \$25,000 in savings to charity, abandoned his car and most of his possessions, burned all the cash in his wallet, and invented a new life for himself. Four months later, a party of moose hunters found his decomposed body. How McCandless came to die is the unforgettable story of *Into the Wild*." (Goodreads)

Students must complete the summer reading guide for the required text *Into the Wild*. The reading guide is posted on the final page of the summer reading list.

Classic choice (extra credit opportunity):*

- *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien

"With more than two million copies in print, *The Things They Carried* is a classic work of American literature that has been changing minds and lives since it burst onto the literary scene. It is a groundbreaking meditation on war, memory, imagination, and the redemptive power of storytelling. *In the Lake of the Woods* is an unforgettable novel of love and mystery. When long-hidden secrets about his past come to light, John Wade—a Vietnam veteran and recent candidate for the U.S. Senate—retreats with his wife to a cabin in northern Minnesota. She mysteriously vanishes and several explanations, all of them disturbing, rise to the surface." (GoodReads)

- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain

"A nineteenth-century boy from a Mississippi River town recounts his adventures as he travels down the river with a runaway slave, encountering a family involved in a feud, two scoundrels pretending to be royalty, and Tom Sawyer's aunt who mistakes him for Tom." (GoodReads)

- *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

"Twenty-two-year-old Skeeter has just returned home after graduating from Ole Miss. She may have a degree, but it is 1962, Mississippi, and her mother will not be happy till Skeeter has a ring on her finger. Skeeter would normally find solace with her beloved maid Constantine, the woman who raised her, but Constantine has disappeared, and no one will tell Skeeter where she has gone." (GoodReads)

Reading Guide – *Into the Wild*

11th Grade Standard English

Title: Author: Date of Publication: Genre:	Biographical Information about the Author:
Characteristics of the Genre:	Historical Information:

Plot Summary: (exposition, rising action-conflict, climax, falling action, resolution)	
Exposition:	
Rising Action (usually driven by conflict):	
Climax (character makes a choice):	
Falling Action:	
Resolution:	
Connect to an outside context: (historical)	Connect to an outside context: (current issue)
<u>Memorable Quotes</u>	

Quotes and page number (required):	Significance of each quote: (and literary device if applicable)

Characters			
Name	Role in Story (protagonist, antagonist, foil, antihero, etc.)	Significance	Adjectives

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Setting(s)	Significance of Opening Scene
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	Significance of Ending or Closing Scene
Symbols	Biblical References
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Possible Themes	