

# Reflection/Connection:

1. Think about any experiences hiking, backpacking, and/or exploring the outdoors. What are some benefits of these activities?
2. Think about some alternative plans you might or could have instead of attending college immediately after high school. What might you do, and why? For how long could you see yourself doing that?
3. Think about an experience you had when you were alone and may have made misjudgments. What miscalculations did you make? What was the outcome?

# Jon Krakauer

- Born in 1954 in Corvallis, Oregon
- Spent time as a carpenter, salmon fisherman, and mountaineer
- Became fascinated with McCandless' perplexing death in Alaska
  - Wrote Into the Wild to share McCandless' story
- Climbed Mt. Everest in 1996
  - Wrote an article for *Outside* magazine analyzing the climb
  - Wrote Into Thin Air about Everest; won Pulitzer Prize in 1998
- Writing has appeared in many famous magazines
- Published a paper in *Wilderness and Environmental Medicine* examining the toxin that claimed Chris McCandless