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Humanities

The Alaskan Dreamer

Many people think that Chris McCandless was a mental case and others think that he was an inspiration. The book Into the Wild is about a man name Chris McCandless who has a dream to go on an adventure to Alaska to get away from society. He travels a long way to Alaska and meets new people along the way. Chris McCandless makes his dream come true by going to Alaska, escaping his formal life, and doesn’t let anything get in the way of his plans.

Chris McCandless becomes a different person and escapes his parents to live a better life full of adventure. For example, Jon Krakauer writes about Chris’ feelings during his journey to Alaska, “At long last he was unencumbered, emancipated from the stifling world of his parents and peers, a world of abstraction and security and material excess, a world in which he felt grievously cut off from the raw throb of existence” (Krakauer, 22). Chris feels he’s doing better with his life. Chris is happier without his parents. In addition, Chris writes a post card Ron saying, “The joy of life comes from our encounters with new experiences, and hence there is no greater joy than to have an endlessly changing horizon, for each day to have a new and different sun” (Krakauer, 57). Chris finds the better side of life is through new experiences which change his points of view. Chris enjoys each day buy changing his different daily lifestyle. Chris also did others things to make his life a little more exciting.

Chris wasn’t going let anything come between him and making his journey more adventurous. For example, Chris writes a letter to Wayne Westerberg saying “Tramping is too easy with all this money. My days were more exciting when I was penniless and had to forage around for my next meal... I've decided that I'm going to live this life for some time to come. The freedom and simple beauty of it is just too good to pass up” (Krakauer, 33). Chris is trying to make the best of his trip. He doesn’t need money to get in the way of his embarkment to Alaska. In addition, Chris says to Jim Gallien as Jim offers to give Chris his watch, “I don't want to know what day it is or where I am. I don't want to know what time it is. None of that matters” (Krakauer, 7). Chris doesn’t care where he is because the fact that he’s free and under his own satisfactory is what truly matters. He has no need of time because he’s in no rush nor on a time limit. Chris realizes time and money would ruin his trip.

Chris McCandless was an adventurous and determined man who did not let anything get between him and his dream. Chris makes many friends along the way and makes the best of his trip. Chris also had many different experiences that was life changing for him. Chris is an inspiration to follow your dreams and his story well live on for many generations