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*Into the Wild*  Questions for Chapters 8-10

1. What is the difference between intelligence and common sense? How does McCandless fit into each category?

2. What is your reaction to McCandless’s decision to enter into the Alaskan wilderness with minimal supplies? Did he recognize the situation he was getting himself into?

3. Briefly describe the mini-bios of other adventures the author mentions in Chapter 8. Why does the author choose these particular stories? What are the parallel themes/ideas/situations described? Why would the author include these stories in the narration of McCandless’s story?

4. How is the canyon floor a “different world” than the country surrounding Davis Gulch?

5. What mark did Everett Ruess leave in 1934? What does it mean?

6. What does Ken Sleight have to say about “companionship”?