Rhetorical Analysis Outline of
Jon Krakauer's *Into the Wild*

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As you read Jon Krakauer's *Into the* Wild, non-fiction account of Christopher McCandless' story, think of how Krakauer constructs an argument in defense of McCandless. Use the primary claim below and identify two affirmative arguments that support his primary claim. For each affirmative argument, cite (page #) *at least two passages* in which Krakauer supports his affirmative argument. Write with a black or dark blue ink pen and use standard spelling and grammar.

The PRIMARY CLAIM is the main argument being made. An AFFIRMATIVE ARGUMENT is secondary argument to affirm or support the primary argument. For example a teen argues for her own car as her primary claim. She offers as an affirmative argument that she will run errands for her parents. As EVIDENCE to support or prove her affirmative argument, she states she will drive her siblings to soccer and karate practices, and she offers to help with grocery shopping.

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Primary
Claim: Jon Krakauer argues that Christopher McCandless cannot simply be dismissed as someone who was mentally incompetent, that although he was eccentric he was also neither unique nor irrational.

Affirmative
Argument #1: _____

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Evidence #1: _____

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Evidence #2: _____

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Evidence #3: _____

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Affirmative
Argument #2: _____

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Evidence #1: _____

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Evidence #2: _____

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Evidence #3: _____

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