Into the Wild

WebQuest Description: background info for the novel Into the Wild
Grade Level:  9-12
Curriculum:  English / Language Arts
Keywords: Into the Wild, Drysdale, UHS-Drysdale
Published On: 2011-04-25 13:52:06
Last Modified: 2011-04-25 06:50:10

Introduction

Shortly we will be reading the novel Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer. In order to have a better understanding of the novel, there is some background information you need to have. This webquest will introduce you to that information. On the "Task" page, are the questions you need to answer. On the "Process" page you will find websites which contain the answers.

Tasks

These are the questions you need to answer; PLEASE USE COMPLETE SENTENCES WHEN ANSWERING!

- What is the Alaskan Interior?
- What is Alaskan weather like?
- Who is Jon Krakauer? What is he famous for?
- Who is Leo Tolstoy? What is he famous for?
- Who is Henry David Thoreau? What is he famous for?
- Who is Jack London? What is he famous for?
- What is the Stampede Trail? Where is it located?
- Where is the Mojave Desert?
- What is the other name for Mt. McKinley? Where is it located?
- Where is Lake Mead?
- Where is the Grand Canyon?
- How long is the Colorado River? Where does it begin? Where does it end?
- What are three things Krakauer reports that have been proven untrue?
- What is the Sierra Nevada? Where is it located?

- What is OXFAM? What does it do?
- Where are the Niland Slabs?
- Who is Carl McCunn? What is he famous for? What happened to him?
- Who is Everette Ruess? What is he famous for? What happened to him?

Process

Here are the websites to use for answers to questions. NOTE: They are NOT in the same order as the questions.

- [http://www.online-literature.com/tolstoy/](http://www.online-literature.com/tolstoy/)
- [http://www.transcendentalists.com/1thorea.html](http://www.transcendentalists.com/1thorea.html)
http://www.nps.gov/grca/index.htm
http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Colorado_River
http://www.summitpost.org/sierra-nevada/176773
http://www.oxfam.org/
http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/topics/Carl_McCunn
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Everett_Ruess
www.tifilms.com/wild/call_debunked.htm
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mojave_Desert

&nbsp;http://www.alaska.com/about/weather/
&nbsp;