

Meeting Christopher McCandless

My Notes

After Reading

2. Based on the details you gathered in the characterization chart, what impression does Krakauer create of McCandless in the first three chapters? Brainstorm a list of different adjectives describing McCandless that stem from Krakauer’s descriptions. Try to select adjectives that carry strong connotations. For each adjective, identify at least one piece of characterization that led to that impression.

Central Claim:

Adjective	Characterization Evidence

Writing Prompt: Emulate Krakauer’s use of characterization to create an impression of a real person—perhaps someone from school, popular culture, or current events. As a challenge, do not name the person in your text. Be sure to:

- Select an adjective that describes the person, then choose diction, details, and a structure that will lead your readers to see the person as you do without explicitly stating who it is.
- Incorporate at least two characterization methods from this activity into your text.
- Punctuate dialogue correctly.

Check Your Understanding

Exchange drafts with a peer and annotate his or her text, listing the various characterization techniques used. What impression does the writer create of the subject through these techniques?