Now, that you have read a few chapters of the book, you have caught a glimpse of the young man at the heart of the story. Although Krakauer is crafting a work of nonfiction, he employs many of the same devices used in writing fiction. For example, he allows the reader to get to know Chris in the same ways fiction authors use characterization (indirect characterization tells you about Chris’ character without directly telling you his traits).

• You and your group will write about what you know about Chris McCandless so far
• Response will describe the following:
  1. Chris’ appearance (draw a picture of Chris)
     *use 4 quotes with citation to point out these qualities
  2. At least 4 things people said about Chris
     *Include the passage and page number
     *Include a brief, personal comment on each passage.
     → Example.
        Passage: “Marely was a hyper but loving dog (3).”
        Comment: Few people would have had the patience to put up with Marley. This shows how loving Chris was; he paid close attention and cared.
  3. At least 4 goals Chris had, your comment should be how this relates to his character/ trait
     *Include a brief, personal comment on each

• Share out with teacher when completed