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Dear Students:

Greetings! Welcome you to English 3 Honors for the 2026-2027 school year. This course is often seen as a bridge to AP Literature, SUPA, and ACE, which are course options with college credit available during senior year. Because this course is seen as a pre-AP class, and because of the rigorous expectations in these higher-level classes, one of the course goals is for you to walk into a college-level classroom with a greater sense of mastery in reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking.

For the summer reading assignment, please read ***Into the Wild,*** **by Jon Krakauer.** This book is available as an audio or eBook on Sora, accessible through the WPHS library website at the following link: https://wphslibrary.libguides.com/c.php?g=154422. You can also access a digital version of the book here: https://havenner.weebly.com/uploads/2/0/5/7/20575006/into_the_wild_-_jon_krakauer.pdf

Compose **Journal Responses of at least one page** in which you identify and respond to key quotes and passages that stood out to you from the following three main sections of the book:

- Journal 1 – Chapters 1-6
- Journal 2 – Chapters 7-12
- Journal 3 – Chapters 13-18

For each Journal Response, provide the key quote from that section, **ICE** the quote: introduce it, cite the chapter/page, and explain why you chose that particular passage. In September, you will also be asked to demonstrate and apply your knowledge of the book in a Socratic Seminar Discussion. Please be prepared to submit this written response on the first day of school. We look forward to meeting you in September. Have a safe and healthy summer!

Sincerely,

Your E3H Teachers