

COURSE TITLE Honors English 9 (**Grade 9**)

CHOICE TEXT *Into Thin Air*

AUTHOR Jon Krakauer

GENRE Adventure Journalism

SUMMARY Based on a true story, Jon Krakauer narrates the events of a 1996 mountain climbing expedition to the summit of Mt. Everest. He details the struggles of climbing, the storm that formed quickly and hit with intense strength, and the fight to stay alive that ensued. The characters are real people and are described with dimension, making their ordeal even more poignant. It is a story of endurance, both physically and spiritually.

REQUIRED STUDENT RESPONSE (Due the first day of class)

While you read, annotate the text noting demonstrated ethics (or lack of ethics), themes, and common literary devices. Annotations will be due the first day of class.