

Writing Activity: Reflecting on *On the Edge of Survival*

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Directions: It is often said that one reason young people take risks is because they feel invincible—they don't believe death can touch them. Evaluate one of the selections, such as “Into the Wild,” and see if that statement applies to the main character. Then write an essay explaining your conclusions.

The graphic organizers on the following screen will help you organize your ideas and write your essay.

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Selection:

Examples of how the main character does/does not take risks because he/she believes he/she is invincible:

Thesis statement/Main idea:

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Essay Graphic Organizer

Introduction:
Creates interest, states main idea

Point 1:
Examples/facts/reasons

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Point 2:

Examples/facts/reasons



Point 3:

Examples/facts/reasons



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Conclusion:

Summarizes, restates main idea, unifies the writing