

“Into Thin Air” Questions

Monday

1. What is the cause Krakauer’s inability to think clearly? (Lines 9-17)
2. Why might Krakauer be worried about approaching the clouds? (Lines 18-32)
3. What is the mood at the beginning of this paragraph and how does it change throughout the paragraph? (Lines 42-54)
4. What was the effect of Harris’s error? (Lines 85-91)

Tuesday

5. Why was Weathers “nearly blind”? (Lines 144-152)
6. What might have happened if Weathers were to have climbed down the mountain by himself? (Lines 153-163)

7. What do you think causes someone to continue to climb even if he or she is in life threatening danger? (Lines 241-246)

8. What causes Hall not to receive the full oxygen mask? (Line 263-267)

Wednesday

9. What does Krakauer think happened to Hansen? (Lines 299-307)

10. What caused Hall to be unable to descend on his own? (Lines 337-343)