


**Daksha from Jodhpur**

My name is Daksha. I live in Jodhpur with my parents and my two brothers. Jodhpur is a city in India.



my classmates from the girl's school

me

my classmates from the girl's school

My family shares an old house with 10 other families. Each family lives in two rooms of the house. It is very crowded but I like it very much. There is always someone to chat with. You never feel lonely. I love watching TV with the neighbours. We have one TV set that we all share. We usually watch in the courtyard.

Every night lights in the houses along the street. I buy flowers for our Ganesh shrine. Ganesh is one of our Hindu gods. He has got the head of an elephant. He protects the house and makes sure that the people who live in it will be lucky in their lives.

There is a building site next door. Workers use carts drawn by camels to take the building material there.

There are large shops on both sides of the street. There are shoe shops on one side. Our street is the only place in town where you can buy shoes. You have to come here when you need new sandals. On the other side, there are eat shops. My father owns one of them.

There is a small water place on the street corner. There are large pots of water. You can use the little jugs and take some when you feel thirsty.



**Chris McCandless – fool or hero?**

Compare the statements by Christopher on his project with the statements of a critic and a fan. Use these points for your hot seat discussion.

**Chris**

Two years he walks the earth. No phone, no post, no paths, no cigarettes. Ultimate freedom. An anarchist. [...] Escaped from Alaska. [...] and now after two wondrous years comes the first and greatest adventure. [...] No longer to be possessed by civilization he lives, who walks alone upon the land to become lost in the wild. (Chris talking about his own journey)

So many people live within unhappy circumstances and yet will not take the initiative to change their situation because they are possessed by the delusion of inevitability. [...] but in reality nothing is more obdurate to the adventurous spirit within a man than a sense of duty. The very sense of one's man's living spirit is his passion for adventure.

**ranger**

When you consider McCandless from my perspective, you quickly see that what he did wasn't even particularly daring, just stupid, naive, and inconsiderate. First off, he spent very little time learning how to actually live in the wild. He arrived at the Stampede Trail without even a map of the area. If the [wild] had a good map, he could have walked out of his predicament. [...] Essentially, Chris McCandless committed suicide.

**blogger**

I was only two years old when Chris McCandless came to his untimely death. I am now 20 years old and Chris's story touched me so much more than any other story I have ever heard. He is a hero and will never be forgotten. I personally cannot wait until I take my trip to the magic bus and pay my respects to him. His spirit may still linger there and observes us.

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- walking – die Wandern, herumwandern
- to be possessed by – durch etwas eingenommen sein
- to feel free – sich frei fühlen
- spirit – Geist
- anarchist – Anarchist
- inconsiderate – unbedacht, unbedarft
- predicament – Dilemma, schwierige Lage

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