

~ THE ALASKA STORY OF ANNA BORTEL CHURCH ~

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GUIDES FOR REPORTS OR DISCUSSIONS

- A. Role Models
- B. Comfort Zones

ROLE MODELS

1. What was the most humorous incident in the story?
2. What intrigued you about Anna's life choices?
3. What qualities in a character, or his/her story, inspire you?
4. How did *Anna* inspire you?
5. What kinds of people do you pay attention to?
 - a. Athletes
 - b. Movie Stars
 - c. Leader in your areas of interest
 - d. Someone who has beat the odds
 - e. Ordinary people who make a difference in their world
 - f. People with a lot of money
 - g. unconventional people who aren't afraid to try something different
 - h. Other _____
6. What is a role model?
7. Add to this list of movies with role models:
 - a. The Pursuit of Happyness
 - b. The Radio
 - c. The Great Debaters
 - d. Freedom Writers
 - e. Defiance
 - f. The Secret Life of Bees
 - g. Others: _____
8. Who is *your* role model for living life fully?
9. What are his/her characteristics?
10. What steps are you taking to be like that person?
11. How often do you consider the impact of your life on other people?
12. For whom are *you* a role model?

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COMFORT ZONES

1. What was one of the first incidences where Anna stretched herself from her familiar and comfortable way of life?
2. What were responses of other people to Anna's choices of lifestyle?
3. What did Anna do that seemed the most challenging?
4. What is a Comfort Zone?
5. Specifically, what Comfort Zones did Anna move herself out from in regards to:
 - a. Personal conveniences
 - b. Work and career
 - c. Friends and family
 - d. Environment
6. What Comfort Zones would be challenged if you were to have lived in her situations?
7. What qualities in a character inspire you to stretch yourself in everyday life?
8. What Comfort Zones have you moved from in the past five years? One year? What were your feelings? Your fears? Responses by other people to your decisions.
9. What were the results of Anna challenging herself? (For her personally, as well as for individuals around her.)
10. What did you enjoy most about Anna's story?

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