Into The Wild

Chapter 6 Assignment

Use your inference get skills to answer the following questions. Inference get involves using clues from the text as well as your own personal knowledge and experiences to develop your thoughts. Answers will be several sentences in length.

1. What are your thoughts about Alex making friends but keeping them at a distance - Westerberg, Jan and Bob and now Franz. Infer why you think he does this.
2. Do you believe the people Alex met had no impact on him or was he protecting himself for some reason?
3. Why do you think Alex was uncomfortable with Frank’s request?
4. Summarize in your own words Alex’s philosophy of life as outlined in his letter to Franz.
5. Franz seemed to follow Alex’s advice quite readily. What do you think motivated him to do so?
6. In your opinion did Alex have a positive or negative impact on Frank’s life? Explain the thinking behind your answer.
7. Do you agree with Alex’s statement “So many people live with unhappy circumstances and yet will not take the initiative to change their situation...than a secure future” p. 57
8. On p. 52 Franz says “... he’d fulminate about his parents or politicians or the endemic idiocy of mainstream American life.” What does this mean? (Hint - you’ll probably need a dictionary)