

IDITAROD ACTIVITIES!



Name: Isabell Iditarod L3



SLED DOG RACING

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1) What is Iditarod?

The Iditarod is a famous dog sled race in Alaska.

2) What kind of dogs race in Iditarod?

Huskies

3) Mushers

Name: Jessica Iditarod L2

ALL ABOUT ALASKA



Capital city:

Juneau

State bird:

willow ptarmigan

State flower:

forget-me-not

State tree:

Sitka spruce

Name: Alishia Iditarod L1

FIX THE SENTENCES

Directions: Rewrite each sentence correctly. Begin each sentence with a capital letter and add punctuation.

1) what does a musher do

What does a musher do?

2) who is the lead dog

Who is the lead dog?

3) where does the Iditarod take place in alaska

Iditarod takes place in Alaska.

4) what is the state bird of Alaska

Willow ptarmigan is the state bird of Alaska.

5) what is the state flower of Alaska

Forget-me-not is the state flower of Alaska.

6) what is the state tree of Alaska

Sitka spruce is the state tree of Alaska.

Iditarod INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

What is the Iditarod?
The Iditarod is an exciting and famous sled dog race held every year in Alaska! It is often called "The Last Great Race on Earth." Mushers (sled drivers) and their teams of sled dogs race nearly 1,000 miles across icy terrain from Anchorage to Nome. The race usually takes place in early March and lasts about 8 to 15 days.

History of the Iditarod
The Iditarod began in 1973 to preserve Alaska's sled dog culture and to commemorate a historic event known as the Serum Run of 1925. During the Serum Run, brave mushers and their dogs transported life-saving medicine to the town of Nome, which was suffering from a diphtheria outbreak. The Iditarod keeps this spirit of teamwork and bravery alive today.



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Iditarod VOCABULARY

boots: small, protective socks worn by sled dogs to keep their paws safe from snow and ice

checkpoint: a rest stop along the race where mushers can take care of their dogs and gear

gangline: the main line that connects all the sled dogs to the sled

gee: a command to tell the sled dogs to turn right

haw: a command to tell the sled dogs to turn left

Iditarod: a famous dog sled race in Alaska that happens every year

lead dog: the dog at the front of the sled team who helps guide the way

musher: a person who drives a dog sled team

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Iditarod VOCABULARY

perseverance: the ability to keep trying, no matter how tough things get or how many obstacles you face

sled: a vehicle with runners, used to glide on snow and ice, pulled by dogs

team: the word mushers use when referring to their sled

hook: a metal anchor that holds the place on snow or ice

poles or pegs: used to secure the sled when it's not moving

work: working together as a group to do something

trail: path or route that the sled team follows

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Iditarod CRAFT DIRECTIONS

There are 4 crafts included in this resource:
1) Husky (level 1&2)
2) Boy (level 1&2)
3) Girl (level 1&2)
4) Husky (level 3)



Choose the craft(s) that is most appropriate for your students' needs.

Print out the craft pieces in color or have your students color each craft piece.

CRAFT PIECES

A. head B. body C. hand/paw D. hand/paw

Cut out each craft piece and set them aside.

There are many writing project options included in this resource. Choose projects that are most appropriate for your students.

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CRAFT DIRECTIONS

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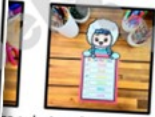
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CRAFT DIRECTIONS

Complete a writing project on the line



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ready to display!



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Iditarod WRITING PROMPTS

- 1) What is Iditarod?
- 2) Would you want to be a musher? Why or why not?
- 3) Imagine you are a musher in the Iditarod. Describe how you prepare for the race.
- 4) What would it feel like to ride in a sled pulled by huskies across the Alaskan wilderness?
- 5) Write a letter to a musher asking them questions about their experiences in the Iditarod.
- 6) Describe the characteristics that make a sled dog.
- 7) If you could name your lead sled dog, what would you name it and why?
- 8) Pretend you are a sled dog. Describe a day in your life during the Iditarod race.
- 9) What are some dangers mushers and sled dogs face during the Iditarod?
- 10) Write a story about getting lost during the Iditarod and how you find your way back.
- 11) If you could create a new rule for the Iditarod, what would it be? Explain your reasoning.
- 12) Describe how teamwork is important in the Iditarod.
- 13) Write about the history of the Iditarod.
- 14) What kind of gear does a musher need to stay safe and warm during the race?

Iditarod WRITING PROMPTS

- 15) If you could design your own sled, what special features would it have?
- 16) Imagine you are reporting on the Iditarod for a news station. Write your news report.
- 17) What makes Alaska a unique setting for the Iditarod?
- 18) Describe how sled dogs are trained for the Iditarod.
- 19) What is your favorite part of the Iditarod race and why?
- 20) Write about the relationship between a musher and their lead dog.
- 21) Write a story about a sled dog that dreams of leading a team in the Iditarod.
- 22) Why do you think the Iditarod is called "The Last Great Race on Earth"?
- 23) Research a famous musher and write a short biography about them.
- 24) Write a persuasive letter convincing someone to watch the Iditarod race.
- 25) If you could ride along with a musher for one day, what would you want to learn?
- 26) Explain how weather conditions impact the Iditarod race.
- 27) Write a poem about the sights and sounds of the Iditarod trail.

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Teaching materials, vocabulary, craft directions, and writing prompts!



Choose from 4 different Iditarod writing crafts!



Differentiated writing projects to build confidence!

Name: _____ **Iditarod L2**

SLED DOG RACING

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1) What is Iditarod?

☐ a baseball game ☐ a cooking show

2) What kind of dogs race in Iditarod?

☐ huskies ☐ poodles

3) When was the medicine delivered to sick people?

☐ 1952 ☐ 1925

Name: _____ **Iditarod L3**

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1) What is Iditarod?

2) What kind of dogs race in Iditarod?

3) When was the medicine delivered to sick people?

Name: _____ **Iditarod L1**

SLED DOG RACING

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1) Iditarod is a famous dog race.

2) Poodles pull the sleds.

3) Mushers and sled dogs delivered medicine to sick people in 1925.

Name: _____ **Iditarod L3**

SLED DOG RACING

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1) Iditarod is a famous swimming competition. ☐ true ☐ false

2) Iditarod is held in Nebraska. ☐ true ☐ false

3) Sled dogs are usually Dobermans. ☐ true ☐ false

4) Mushers and sled dogs delivered medicine to sick people in 1925. ☐ true ☐ false

5) Mushers drive the sleds and huskies across snowy trails for miles. ☐ true ☐ false

Name: _____ **Iditarod L2**

IDITAROD VOCABULARY

Directions: Choose the best definition for each vocabulary word.

1) gee ☐ a long line of sleds ☐ a command to tell the sled team to turn right

2) haw ☐ a command to tell the sled team to turn left ☐ a group of sled dogs

3) lead dog ☐ the dog at the front ☐ a resting and refueling spot

4) trail ☐ socks that protect paws ☐ the path the sled team takes

5) musher ☐ a person who drives a sled team ☐ working together as a team

Name: _____ **Iditarod L3**

IDITAROD VOCABULARY

Directions: Choose the best definition for each vocabulary word.

1) musher ☐ a person who drives a sled dog team ☐ the path that the sled team follows

2) snowhook ☐ a vehicle used to glide over snow ☐ a metal anchor that holds the sled in place on snow or ice

3) haw ☐ a command to tell the sled dogs to turn left ☐ the dog at the front of the team

4) gee ☐ a command to tell the sled dogs to turn right ☐ a long line of sleds

5) checkpoint ☐ the main line that connects the sled dogs to the sled ☐ a resting and refueling spot

6) booties ☐ small protective coverings worn by sled dogs to protect their paws ☐ poles or pegs used to secure the sled

7) Iditarod ☐ a famous annual sled dog race that takes place in Alaska ☐ the term for a musher's sled

Name: _____ **Iditarod L1**

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Directions: Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks.

sled Iditarod booties teamwork

1. Each sled dog wears _____ to protect their paws.

2. The _____ is a sled dog race in Alaska.

3. The heavy _____ brings supplies across the snow.

4. The dogs and the musher must use _____ to win a race.

Name: _____ **Iditarod L2**

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Directions: Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks.

sled Iditarod booties teamwork

1. Each sled dog wears _____ to protect their paws.

2. The _____ is a sled dog race in Alaska.

3. The heavy _____ brings supplies across the snow.

4. The dogs and the musher must use _____ to win a race.

Name: _____ **Iditarod L3**

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Directions: Use the vocabulary words below to complete the sentences.

sled checkpoints booties Iditarod teamwork

1. Mushers make stops at _____ to rest and care for their dogs.

2. Each sled dog wears _____ to protect their paws.

3. The _____ is a sled dog race in Alaska's wilderness.

4. The heavy _____ carried supplies across the snowy trail.

5. The dogs and the musher must use _____ to win a team.

Differentiated worksheets to meet student needs!

Name: _____ **Iditarod L2**

ALL ABOUT ALASKA



Capital city: _____

State bird: _____

State flower: _____

State tree: _____

Name: _____ **Iditarod L3**

ALL ABOUT ALASKA



Weather: _____

Wildlife: _____

Capital city: _____

Population: _____

State bird: _____

State flower: _____

State tree: _____

Name: _____ **Iditarod L1**

FIX THE SENTENCES

Directions: Rewrite each sentence correctly. Begin each sentence with a capital letter and add punctuation.

- 1) what does a musher do _____
- 2) which one is the lead dog _____
- 3) the iditarod takes place _____

☐ I used capital letters.
☐ I used spaces.
☐ I used punctuation.

Name: _____ **Iditarod L3**

FIX THE SENTENCES

Directions: Look at the sentences below. Rewrite each sentence correctly. Begin each sentence with a capital letter and add punctuation.

The iditarod is a famous dog sled race in alaska mushers drive the sleds and their teams of huskies across snowy trails for many miles the race honors the bravery of sled dogs and mushers who helped deliver medicine to sick people in 1925

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Name: _____ **Iditarod L2**

IDITAROD WORD SEARCH

Directions: Find and circle the vocabulary words.

T	R	A
T	S	K
G	L	U
E	E	S
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haw sled

Name: _____ **Iditarod L3**

IDITAROD WORD SEARCH

Directions: Find and circle the vocabulary words.

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musher sled
 booties Iditarod
 haw sleigh

Extend and assess learning with these activities!

Iditarod Craft DIRECTIONS

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CRAFT PIECES:

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Dog A. Level 1, 2



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SLED DOG RACING

Handwriting practice lines for the Sled Dog Racing project.

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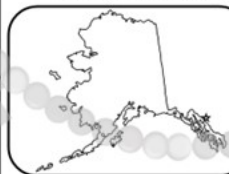
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☐ false |
| 2) Iditarod is held in Nebraska. | ☐ true
☐ false |
| 3) Sled dogs are usually Dobermans. | ☐ true
☐ false |
| 4) Mushers and sled dogs delivered medicine to sick people in 1925. | ☐ true
☐ false |

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Name: _____ Iditarod L2

ALL ABOUT ALASKA



Capital city:

State bird:

State flower:

State tree:

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Name: **ANSWER KEY** Iditarod L3

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- ☒ I used capital letters.
- ☒ I used spaces.
- ☒ I used punctuation.



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Name: **ANSWER KEY** Iditarod L1

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Directions: Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks.

sled	booties
Iditarod	teamwork

- Each sled dog wears **booties** to protect their paws.
- The **Iditarod** is a sled dog race in Alaska.
- The heavy **sled** brings supplies across the snow.
- The dogs and the musher must use **teamwork** to win as a team.

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Name: **ANSWER KEY** Iditarod L3

IDITAROD WORD SEARCH

Directions: Find and circle the vocabulary words.

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Q	M	C	E	S	T	A	K	E	S
N	T	E	A	M	W	O	R	K	R

musher	sled	trail
booties	Iditarod	teamwork
gee	haw	gangline
stakes	sleigh	husky

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Answer keys included for quick and easy assessment!

If you like this resource, you may also love these winter resources!

DIFFERENTIATED PROJECTS WINTER ANIMAL BUNDLE!

Name: Marie Winter Animals L2

snowy owl

The snowy owl is a bird with white feathers that lives in the Arctic. It's good at flying and hunting for small animals like mice and rabbits. In the winter, it stays warm with its thick feathers and makes its home in a nest on the ground.

1) What do snowy owls eat?
Snowy owls eat small animals like mice and rabbits.

2) How do snowy owls stay warm?
Snowy owls stay warm with their thick feathers.

3) Where do they make their nests?
Snowy owls make their nests on the ground.

Name: Alyssa Winter Animals L2

narwhal It is a... narwhal

They are... special whales.

They have... a tusk on their head.

They can... break a hole in the ice.

They eat... fish, shrimp and squid.

How many do you see? Count and dab. 9 10

WINTER BUNDLE!

cat
cat

How many dogs in all?
7 8

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