



Get-to-Know-You Activity

The Iditarod is a 1049-mile race across Alaska held each March. We will be studying parts of the race and following it this year in various subjects. A man or woman called a “musher” starts with 16 dogs harnessed to a sled. They must travel over cold, rough land and ice to reach Nome, the finish line city. Is this something you might ever want to try?

Activities:

1. On a device, go to Iditarod.com
 - Race Center tab
 - Race Archives tab
2. Click on these races: 2012, 2013, 2017. Look for these last names (scroll through Scratched section, too): Seavey, Redington, Buser, Berington. Are they in the same family? Click on the names and read their biographies to find out!
3. How are the people related to one another? Make a list of the families in columns. Next to each name, tell who the person is in the family: grandfather, father or mother, son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter, sister, brother.
4. Think about it and write. Do you think growing up in a family with sled dogs influenced the children and grandchildren to race?
 - Think about your own family. What interests or hobbies have they passed on to you?
 - What do your family members do that you hope to be able to make part of your own life?
 - Write at least a paragraph about your goals and hobbies/skills that family members have shown you by their examples.