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**Iditarod: Race Across Alaska**

*Stations Activity*

**What is the Iditarod?**

* The Iditarod is an annual (yearly) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Racers travel over 1,850 kilometers from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The race takes anywhere from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ days.
* Each team consists of 12-16 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (the person who guides the sled). The dogs are harnessed to the sled and pull the musher.
* The journey is challenging because of extreme \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like icy rivers, snow, mountain ranges, and wide expanses of frozen tundra.

**Station #1: “The Race Against Death” Scholastic Scope Article**

Directions: Read “The Race Against Death” and complete the graphic organizers below.

Text Feature: The titles, subheadings, photos, captions, charts, and maps in a nonfiction text that call attention to important details

In each bubble, describe one **text feature** from the article. Describe how that **text feature** helps the reader to better understand the text.



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| Directions: Find two pieces of text evidence to support each claim |

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| **Claim** | **Text Evidence #1** | **Text Evidence #2** |
| Sled dogs have heightened senses and physical attribute that make them particularly good at their jobs |  |  |
| Diptheria is a dangerous disease |  |  |
| Many people and animals worked together to help people in Nome survive |  |  |

**Station #2: Is the Iditarod Humane?**

**Vocabulary:**

* Humane: kind or gentle to humans or animals
* Controversial: causing discussion, disagreement, or argument

**Part One:** Watch the video “Iditarod: A Tough Journey for Dogs” and answer the following question.

*Why is the Iditarod* ***controversial?***

**Part Two:** Read the article “Is the Iditarod Safe for Dogs?” and complete the following chart using **text evidence** to support each position.

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| Face Off: Is the Iditarod Safe for Dogs? | |
| YES  The Iditarod is safe for dogs | NO  The Iditarod is not safe for dogs |
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**Part Three:** Choose a side. Based on what you’ve read, answer the following question.

*Is the Iditarod safe for dogs? Why or why not?*







**Station #3: Training for an Iditarod**

**Vocabulary:**

* Infographic: A visual image such as a chart or diagram used to represent information or data

**Part One:**  Look at the infographic “How to Train your Dog and Master for the Iditarod” and complete the following activity.

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| How do the **dogs** train for the Iditarod? | How does the **musher** train for the Iditarod? |