



Iditarod Trail History: How and Why the Trail and Race Started The National Historic Iditarod Trail

Debate Extension Activity

Your name _____

Date _____ Period _____

Due date _____

Divide your class into two teams. Have one group research why dog mushing was considered a better option than using airplanes for the serum run. Have the other group research why airplanes were also considered a viable option. Both groups should pick 3 to 5 main reasons and be ready to back them up with research and data. Students can use this sheet to prepare, but should have their research on a separate paper.

Reason 1:

Data backing this up:

Source where you found the data:

Reason 2:

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Reason 3:

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Reason 4:

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Reason 5:

Data backing this up.

Source where you found the data:

Concession/Counterargument

Tell one or two positive arguments for your opposing teams. This makes helps your argument sound more mature and balanced.

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Reason 2:

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Debate! You should have enough material to debate when this worksheet is done. The teacher should have the students stand and deliver their main points. There should be time for cross examination, then each team should wrap up their main points and urge the class to vote for them.

Debate Ballot

Who won?

Why?