

Woodsong Musher Journal Project:

Directions:

- You and a partner will be writing a journal from the point of view of a musher. You will be writing (6) six journal entries, each with a different topic about a mushing adventure .
- The focus will be on vivid description and sensory details. This means you will be using a combination of your imagination and your ability to describe using your (5) five senses. What are the five senses again? Use your knowledge of the novel, Woodsong, mushing, sled dogs and the Iditarod to make your journal realistic.
- All rough drafts of journal should be at least 200 words in length.
- The final draft pages should be typed so that they can fit in your musher cover and journal properly. Print (2) two of everything, so each partner will have a copy.
- Below are the requirements for each entry.



Chapter 1: Leaving Anchorage- Chaos! That's what it's like as you ready your dogs to leave Anchorage. Write an entry explaining the craziness of Anchorage. Think about and include: the crowds, the media, the dogs' reaction to the people.

Vocabulary to Include and underline: *chutes, rigging, tremendous, energy*
Focus on the sights--at least 5 vividly described sights

Chapter 2: Animal Encounter- While furiously racing through the wilderness of Alaska, you suddenly encounter a wild animal. Think about and include: a description of the encounter, how the encounter begins and ends.

Vocabulary to Include and underline: *wilderness, attack, stunned, adversary*
Focus on the sounds--at least 5 vividly described sounds

Chapter 3: Sled Troubles- Just as things are returning to normal, you have a problem with your sled. Think about and include: what causes the sled to break; how do you fix it?

Vocabulary to Include and underline: *runners, slats, glistening*
Focus on the touch--at least 5 vividly described touch images

Chapter 4: Dog Troubles- It's common for sled dogs to be dropped or perhaps just have to rest. Come up with a situation where one of your dogs has to be tended to. Think about: what specifically happens to the dog, who helps you with the problem and how do you solve the problem.

Vocabulary to Include and underline: *injury, veterinarian, harness, dog in basket*
Focus on the any or all of the senses

Chapter 5: Hallucinations- Uh oh--sleep deprivation is catching up with you. Write an entry about the sights and sounds of your particular hallucination. Have fun with this one, but include lots of description.

Vocabulary to Include and underline: *mystical, kaleidoscope, mysterious*
Focus on the sights--at least 5 wildly described sights

Chapter 6: Arriving in Nome- Thank heavens--you see the finish line! Write about arriving under the Burlled Arch. Think about and include: a description of what you think the burlled arch looks like, the reaction of fans and family members.

Vocabulary to Include and underline: *reunion, celebration, throng, Burlled Arch,*
Focus on the thoughts and feelings--at least 5 well explained t's and f's

