

Informational Reading Questions The Story of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race article

Choose the best answer for each question.

- _____ 1. In this selection, the author's purpose is to
- A. inform the reader.
 - B. entertain the reader.
 - C. puzzle the reader.
 - D. explain how the race is organized.
- _____ 2. Diphtheria is
- A. a medicine.
 - B. an antitoxin.
 - C. the flu.
 - D. a disease.
- _____ 3. Why were sled dog teams used to deliver the antitoxin to Nome?
- A. Norton Bay was frozen.
 - B. the Iditarod Trail was the only way to get to Nome.
 - C. there were no airplanes in 1925.
 - D. airplanes couldn't fly in the winter in Alaska in 1925.
- _____ 4. Balto's refusal to go any further at one point during this trip resulted in
- A. stopping the diphtheria outbreak.
 - B. becoming a hero.
 - C. having a statue of him in New York's Central Park.
 - D. saving the team from falling into icy water.
- _____ 5. The name Iditarod comes from an Indian word meaning
- A. gold rush
 - B. swamp
 - C. sled dog trail
 - D. distant place
- _____ 6. Which of the following caused the Iditarod trail to first be used?
- A. large amounts of snow
 - B. the Alaskan gold rush
 - C. Alaskan transportation needs
 - D. Joe Redington, Sr. and Dorothy Page

- ___7. From the 1180s until the mid-1920s, the Iditarod Trail
- A. was a major transportation route in winter.
 - B. was used in the summer.
 - C. was used by snowmobiles.
 - D. was a short trail.
- ___8. An antitoxin is used to treat bacteria in the disease called diphtheria. A synonym for *antitoxin* is
- A. illness
 - B. epidemic
 - C. Black Death
 - D. Medicine
- ___9. In sled dog racing, a *run* is a trip with a sled dog team. How does the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race™ honor the famous diphtheria run of 1925?
- A. The route is similar to the diphtheria run's route.
 - B. The race is the same length as the diphtheria run.
 - C. Balto was in the first Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race™.
 - D. Leonhard Seppala was in the diphtheria run and the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race™.
- ___10. You can tell that dog sledding was important to Joe Redington, Sr. and Dorothy Page because
- A. they liked sled dog teams.
 - B. they rode snowmobiles on the Iditarod Trail.
 - C. they started a race which became the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race™.
 - D. they are the mother and father of the Iditarod.
- ___11. You can tell that Joe Redington, Sr. and Dorothy Page were important to the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race™ because
- A. they are known as the father and mother of the Iditarod.
 - B. they were interested in Alaskan history.
 - C. they replaced dog sleds with snowmobiles.
 - D. they wanted to honor the diphtheria run of 1925.