

**Lesson Plan Title:** Word Processing and Editing Iditarod Documents

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**Discipline / Subject:** English/Language Arts

**Topic:** Word processing and editing skills for documents

**Grade Level: Grade 6**

**Resources / References / Materials Teacher Needs:**

Computer lab, instructions per student for editing and word processing on a previously created document (see below), instructions for student login process based on the school's procedures, teacher-developed checklist for student participation grade

**Lesson Summary**

Students will learn and practice editing skills on a previously created document to save and print a copy of the document as it should appear when correctly edited.

**Standard's Addressed: (Local, State, or National) NC Standard Course of Study**

1. NC Computer/Technology Skills Grade 6 **2.04** Use proper keyboarding techniques to improve accuracy, speed and general efficiency in computer operations.
2. NC Computer/Technology Skills Grade 6 **2.05** Use WP/DTP menu/tool bar features to publish for a specific audience and purpose.
3. NC Computer/Technology Skills Grade 6 **3.10** Select and use WP/DTP features/functions to design, format, and publish assignments/products.
4. AK Technology Content Standard A student should be able to operate technology-based tools.
5. ISTE NETS Students demonstrate a sound understanding of technology concepts, systems, and operations.

<p><b>Learning objectives:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The student will login and access documents.</li> <li>2. The student will follow written and verbal directions to edit and format a previously created document.</li> <li>3. The student will save and print the finished document.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Assessment:</b></p> <p>Method of assessment for learning Participation grade based on attentiveness to work. Students enter the lab with a participation grade of 100. The grade is reduced based on inattentiveness which requires teacher redirection to the work.</p>
<p><b>Procedural Activities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students login per their school's procedures.</li> <li>2. Following verbal and written directions, students access the previously created document about Iditarod Mushers which is not formatted correctly.</li> <li>3. Following verbal and written directions, students format the document correctly.</li> <li>4. Students save and print the correctly formatted document.</li> <li>5. There are 3 lessons. As students gain skill, they move through the lessons independently.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Materials Students Need:</b></p> <p>Computer, login information, written directions for formatting the document, clipboard to hold the written instructions (lean it against the front left corner of the monitor)</p>	
<p><b>Technology Utilized to Enhance Learning:</b></p> <p>Computers, projector to demonstrate the first lesson on as students follow the process on their own documents, word processing editing and formatting features</p>	
<p><b>Other Information</b></p> <p>Have other computer-based work or sites prepared for students finishing these lessons early. This is a 3 day lesson using a block schedule. Students also bring their library books to read when they finish. Students may or may not print one of the documents. Standing at the back of the computer lab aids monitoring the group at a glance when not assisting individual students.</p>	
<p><b>Modifications for special learners/ Enrichment Opportunities</b></p> <p>Seat students who are unfamiliar with word processing or who need additional help on the back row of computers or at the end of rows to give the teacher easier access to them.</p>	

## Iditarod Mushers Editing

1. Open the file called Iditarod Mushers.
2. Move the cursor to the top of the header area.
3. Type your first and last name. Each name should begin with a capital letter.
4. Follow the directions below to complete the newsletter.

1. Capitalize the first letter of each word in the title of the newsletter. Center the title. Change the font size to 24 pt. Change the style of the title to bold and underlined print.
2. Change the style of the title of each article to 14 point type and bold print. Center the title of each article.
3. Set the justification for the second article to left justification. Change the spacing to single space.
4. Indent the first paragraph in each article.
5. Move the Melissa Owens article above the Zack Steer article.
6. In the first article, insert the words: **by working with several different mushers** after the word: **mushing**.
7. Add the following article to the document. It should be the last article in this document. Format it the same as the other articles.

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8. Run spell check and make any necessary changes.
9. Follow the directions of your teacher if you are to print this document.

## iditarod mushers

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### Melissa Owens

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Sources: [www.laughingeyeskennel.com](http://www.laughingeyeskennel.com), [www.iditarod.com](http://www.iditarod.com), [www.aliyzirkle.com](http://www.aliyzirkle.com) , July 2007 & Oct. 2010

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3. Set the justification for the second article to left justification. Change the spacing for this article to single space. Indent the first paragraph.
4. Indent the two paragraphs in the third article.
5. Move the fourth article (Alaska Airlines Leonhard Seppala Humanitarian Award) to the beginning of the document.
6. In the article, **Rookie of the Year Award**, in the last sentence, change the word **cup** to **bowl**.
7. Add the following article to the document. It should be the last article in this document. Format it the same as the other articles.

### Red Lantern Award

The last musher to finish the race wins the Red Lantern Award. This award recognizes perseverance, or sticking with something until it is finished. Wells Fargo Bank sponsors this trophy which is made of a red lantern and is presented at the finish line and again at the Wells Fargo Red Lantern banquet.

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#### Anchorage Chrysler Dodge Official Truck Award

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In even numbered years, this award goes to the first musher to reach the checkpoint named Ruby, and in odd numbered years the first musher to reach Anvik receives this award. A chef and staff from the Millennium Hotel fly to the checkpoint and cook a seven course meal on Coleman camping stoves for the musher.

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1. Capitalize each word in the title of the document. Center the title. Change the font size to 18 pt. Change the style of the title to bold print.
2. Change the style of the title of each article to 14 point type and bold print. Center the title of each article.
3. Set the justification for each article to full justification. Do not full justify the titles of the articles.
4. Indent every paragraph in the document. Change the line spacing in the second article to single spacing.
5. In the third article (The 2007 Race), move the second paragraph above the first paragraph. Indent each paragraph.
6. In the third article (The 2007 Race) capitalize each person's name that should be capitalized.
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### The History of the Race

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### Eligibility for the Race

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### The 2007 Race

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