

## ***Iditarod Trivia Tuesday: Meet the 2015 Musers***

Can you believe there are only 67 days left until the start of the 2015 Iditarod race? The last *Iditarod Trivia Tuesday* led you on a scavenger hunt of the rule book. This week you will use the website to familiarize yourself with the 2015 mushers. This is a great time for you and your students to get to know the mushers of the Iditarod.

There are 80 mushers signed up for the race from all over the world. Familiar names, unfamiliar names, new names, big names are among the list of names to make the over 1000 mile journey across Alaska. There are sisters, brothers, fathers, sons, husbands, wives, too, that are on this impressive list of names. I can't think of many other sports where you have 18-year olds competing side-by-side with 70-year olds, or men competing side-by-side with women. The *Last Great Race* is a non-discriminatory event where the rules are the same for everyone.

1. Out of the 80 mushers signed up for the 2015 Iditarod, which musher has finished the Iditarod the most years?
2. Which of the current mushers has the fastest time in finishing an Iditarod?
3. Which of the current mushers has the slowest time in finishing an Iditarod?
4. How many father/son mushers are signed up for the 2015 Iditarod?
5. How many 2015 rookies have attempted the Iditarod before?
6. Which 2015 Iditarod musher is the oldest?
7. Which 2015 Iditarod musher is the youngest?
8. Which musher has won the most amount of prize money racing the Iditarod?
9. Take a look at the *Race Archives*. How many mushers signed up have a relative that has won the Iditarod?
10. Look at the career summaries of the mushers. Which musher do you feel has the best chance of winning the 2015 Iditarod?
11. Writing prompt: Defend your answer to number 10 with factual evidence from the website. Include at least 2 facts cited from the website. You must also include your opinion.