

# Musher Mount Rushmore

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**Discipline:** ELA/History

**Topic:** Researching top mushers

**Grade Level:** any

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

1. Musher Mount Rushmore activity sheet
2. [www.tinyurl.com/mountrush](http://www.tinyurl.com/mountrush)
3. [www.iditarod.com](http://www.iditarod.com)

**Lesson Summary:**

**Standard's Addressed: Common Core**

1. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7.1 Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
2. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1 Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.

**Learning objectives:** Students will be able to analyze musher data and determine the mushers they feel are the top four.

**Procedural Activities:**

1. Discuss Mount Rushmore. What it is, which presidents are on Mount Rushmore, where it is located, etc.
2. Pass out *Musher Mount Rushmore* activity sheet (see attached)
3. Students will use [www.iditarod.com](http://www.iditarod.com) to research 2015 mushers.
4. Students will choose 4 mushers they feel deserve the honor to be part of their *Musher Mount Rushmore*.
5. Students will defend their choice for each musher using factual evidence.
6. Using the website [www.tinyurl.com/mountrush](http://www.tinyurl.com/mountrush) students will upload 4 pictures to represent their musher on the *Face in Hole Mount Rushmore*.
7. Present to class - students will present their *Musher Mount Rushmore* to the class and explain why they chose each musher.

**Materials Students Need:**

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2. [www.tinyurl.com/mountrush](http://www.tinyurl.com/mountrush)

**Technology Utilized to Enhance Learning:**

Face in Hole website ([www.tinyurl.com/mountrush](http://www.tinyurl.com/mountrush))

**Other Information:**

**Modifications for special learners/ Enrichment Opportunities:**

Enhancement: Instead of having students creating their Mount Rushmore on mushers of 2015 Iditarod, have them create a Mount Rushmore using all current and past mushers of the Iditarod.

Enhancement: Have students create a Mount Rushmore over all mushers of the Junior Iditarod.

Modification: Instead of using *Face in Hole* to upload pictures, students can draw their Mount Rushmore.