

Ode to Iditarod Poetry Checklist

Name _____

An “ode” style poem admires something ordinary and celebrates it. It does not have to rhyme, but it does have special characteristics.

Example:

Ode to a Husky

Husky, oh husky!
So free and strong,
you are there for us training,
hard, all year long.

Husky, oh husky!
Without you I would have to
use a snow machine to race the trail.

Husky, oh husky!
Without you, mushers couldn't mush,
and the snow would turn to slush.

You lead the team to victory,
and the world watches!



Brainstorm:

Read this list of Iditarod-themed objects. Add more to the list. Then, choose and **circle** one topic as the subject of your ode.

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| Iditarod | starting line | _____ |
| sled | paw ointment | _____ |
| dog booties | salmon snacks | _____ |
| gangline | musher headlamp | _____ |

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Rough Draft

Brainstorm and fill in the chart. Then write your rough draft below or in your Writer's Notebook:

My subject: _____

Description:	What it does:	Why it's important and what would happen without it:	How you feel about it:

Ode to _____
