

Inferring with the Iditarod Air Force

A Lesson in Inferring

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Discipline / Subject:

Language Arts—Reading Skills

Topic:

Inferring from text and pictures

Grade Level:

Intermediate/Middle School Grades—4th, 5th, 6th

Resources / References / Materials Teacher Needs:

Powerpoint—Inferring with Iditarod Air Force

Inferring Cards

Assessment Handout

Lesson Summary

In this lesson students will learn to make inferences using the Iditarod and Iditarod Air Force.

Standards Addressed: Common Core State Standards

4th Grade:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.4.1

Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

5th Grade:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.5.1

Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

6th Grade:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.6.1

Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Learning Objectives:

- 1.) Students will make inferences using pictures and short texts.
- 2.) Students will use proper grammar and punctuation in their writing.

Assessment:

Students will complete a handout to show mastery of the skill.

Procedural Activities:

- 1.) Begin by putting up the first picture in the slide show. Ask students what they can infer by looking at the picture. This is a good "pre-assessment" to see what knowledge students have about making inferences.
- 2.) Go through the slide show and explain to students how to infer using pictures. As a class decide what students can infer from each of the Iditarod Air Force pictures.
- 3.) Pass out an inferring card to each students. Have students take turn reading their card aloud to the class. As a class discuss what students can infer from the information on the card.
- 4.) To assess student learning have students complete a handout out which includes both pictures and a short book excerpt.

Materials Students Need:

Handouts—"Inferring with the Iditarod Air Force"

Technology Utilized to Enhance Learning:

Power point presentation—visual learning

Modifications for Special Learners/ Enrichment Opportunities:

1.) The inferring cards activity could be done in small groups to ensure more practice for each student.

2.) Brain Pop Jr. has a lesson in inferencing:

<https://jr.brainpop.com/readingandwriting/comprehension/makeinferences/>

(must have a Brain Pop account to access this link)