

## Debski's Diner Lesson Plan Idea

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I actually started this lesson with my 6th grade English classes today. They were so excited to get to do something for Iditarod as I typically only teach it with my 7th graders. Following the conference I decided to switch around my plan for our Informative Writing Unit this last trimester so 6th graders can research something related to Alaska/Iditarod, and hopefully be a bit more prepared and excited when we dive into our unit the following year. Here's my plan (I did this just for fun with my students, no grades were taken, but essentially could be):

Grade Level Focus: 6th Grade ELA Lesson

Standards/skills worked on: Descriptive Writing (W.6.2d), Word Choice/Connotation (L.6.5c)

Step 1: Provide background on the race & route, volunteers, and [Debski](#)

Step 2: Review "tips for creating a menu"

Step 3: Students will be given Debski's shopping list and challenged to create a menu with 3-5 meal options for the volunteers Debski will feed. Students can work in groups of 2-4 students, each student must have input on the project. They don't have to worry about how much of any one ingredient there is, just know they have all of the ingredients to make the meals they choose to add to their menu.

Step 4: Get with group; determine meals that will be added to menu & draft descriptions; get a piece of cardstock when ready to create final product.

Step 5: Turn in final menu when finished!