LESSON TITLE:	Iditarod: Now and Venn	
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:		
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GRADE LEVEL/ SUBJECT:	K-12 LIBRARY/ SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING: SOCIAL AWARENESS/ CULTURALLY RELEVANT-SUSTAINING EDUCATION (CR-SE) (REPRESENTATION)/MATH & CRITICAL THINKING	
ESSENTIAL QUESTION:	How can I find commonalities with people who seem different from ME?	
LEARNING OBJECTIVES:	I can: • Identify Similarities and differences between myself and Iditarod mushers • Research the 2023 Iditarod Musher List to find a musher that is "like me" in at least one way • Acknowledge the importance of each person's individuality and see connections between us • Create a Venn diagram showing the areas in which an Iditarod musher and I intersect (form a commonality)	
Standards Addressed:	LIBRARY STANDARDS: INFORMATION FLUENCY CONTINUUM GRADES K-12 1. INQUIRY & DESIGN THINKING: WE ARE THINKERS AND DESIGNERS	

STANDARD 1.1: INFORMATION—FLUENT LEARNERS USE AN INQUIRY PROCESS TO CONNECT TO PRIOR EXPERIENCE AND BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE, WONDER AND ASK QUESTIONS, INVESTIGATE, CONSTRUCT NEW UNDERSTANDING, EXPRESS LEARNING, AND REFLECT ON THE PROCESS AND PRODUCT OF LEARNING.

- FORMULATES QUESTIONS FOR INVESTIGATION OF A
 TOPIC
- Making Sense of Information and Notetaking
- 2. SOCIAL AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY: WE ARE CITIZENS. STANDARD 3.2: INFORMATION—FLUENT LEARNERS DEMONSTRATE EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION IN THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, IN BOTH THE FACE—TO—FACE AND DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT
 - PARTICIPATES IN COLLABORATIVE CONVERSATIONS
 WITH PEERS AND ADULTS TO SHARE IDEAS AND
 INFORMATION
- 3. PERSONAL GROWTH AND AGENCY: WE ARE
 CONFIDENT INDEPENDENT LEARNERS.

 STANDARD 4.2: INFORMATION—FLUENT LEARNERS DEVELOP
 AGENCY (PERSONAL IDENTITY AND CONFIDENCE) TO
 EXPRESS THEIR IDEAS, RAISE AWARENESS, ADVOCATE FOR
 CHANGE, AND/OR TAKE SOCIAL ACTION.
 - ACTIVELY ENGAGES IN CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHERS
 BY CONTRIBUTING OWN IDEAS AND DISPLAYING
 CONFIDENCE IN OWN REASONING AND OPINIONS

CASEL FRAMEWORK - SOCIAL AWARENESS

• THE ABILITIES TO UNDERSTAND PERSPECTIVES OF AND EMPATHIZE WITH OTHERS:

- RECOGNIZING STRENGTHS IN OTHERS
 -RELATIONSHIP SKILLS
 - THE ABILITIES TO MAINTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND NAVIGATE SETTINGS WITH DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS.
 - DEMONSTRATE CULTURAL COMPETENCY

NYS CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE-SUSTAINING EDUCATION FRAMEWORK (CR-SE)

- CREATE A WELCOMING & AFFIRMING ENVIRONMENT
 - Make an effort to build strong relationships across groups
- FOSTER HIGH EXPECTATIONS & RIGOROUS INSTRUCTION
 - DRAW UPON PAST LEARNING, PRIOR
 EXPERIENCES, AND THE RICHNESS OF YOUR
 CULTURAL BACKGROUND TO MAKE MEANING
 - CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO DO MORE THAN
 WHAT FEELS ACADEMICALLY COMFORTABLE
- IDENTIFY INCLUSIVE CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT
 - GENERATE IDEAS ABOUT PEOPLE OR CONCEPTS
 THAT PEERS MAY LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT AND
 SHARE THESE IDEAS WITH YOUR TEACHERS
 AND SCHOOL LEADERS
 - Ask questions about self, community and society that serve as opportunities to connect in-school learning with the world outside the classroom
 - COLLABORATE WITH TEACHERS, PEERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS TO CREATE MEANINGFUL LONG—TERM PROJECTS

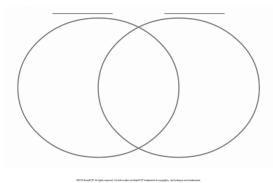
MATERIALS NEEDED:

- 1. WHITE BOARD, MARKERS
- 2. Access to Iditarod.com website
- 3. VENN DIAGRAM WORKSHEET



EXAMPLE

Brain Venn Diagram



PROCEDURE:

BEFORE

TEACHING:

IDENTIFY MUSHERS FOR POTENTIAL OVERLAP WITH THE STUDENT POPULATION. VISIT IDITAROD.COM FOR 2023 MUSHER LIST AND JR. IDITAROD

ENGAGEMENT: 5 MINUTES

HOW IS AN IDITAROD MUSHER DIFFERENT FROM ME?

LESSON:

GRADE LEVEL DEPENDENT

HOW IS AN IDITAROD MUSHER LIKE ME?

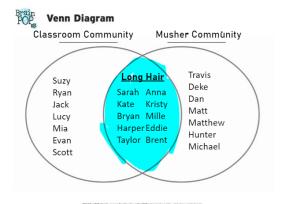
1. DISPLAY 2023 IDITAROD MUSHER AND JR. IDITAROD MUSHER PROFILES ON THE BOARD.

1. WRITE STUDENT BRAINSTORM IDEAS ON THE BOARD

- 2. HAVE STUDENTS POINT OUT MUSHERS THEY CAN "SEE" A COMMONALITY WITH (BLOND HAIR, WEARS GLASSES, ETC)
- 3. Pose the essential question framed in terms OF IDITAROD: HOW CAN I FIND COMMONALITIES WITH MUSHERS WHO SEEM DIFFERENT FROM ME?

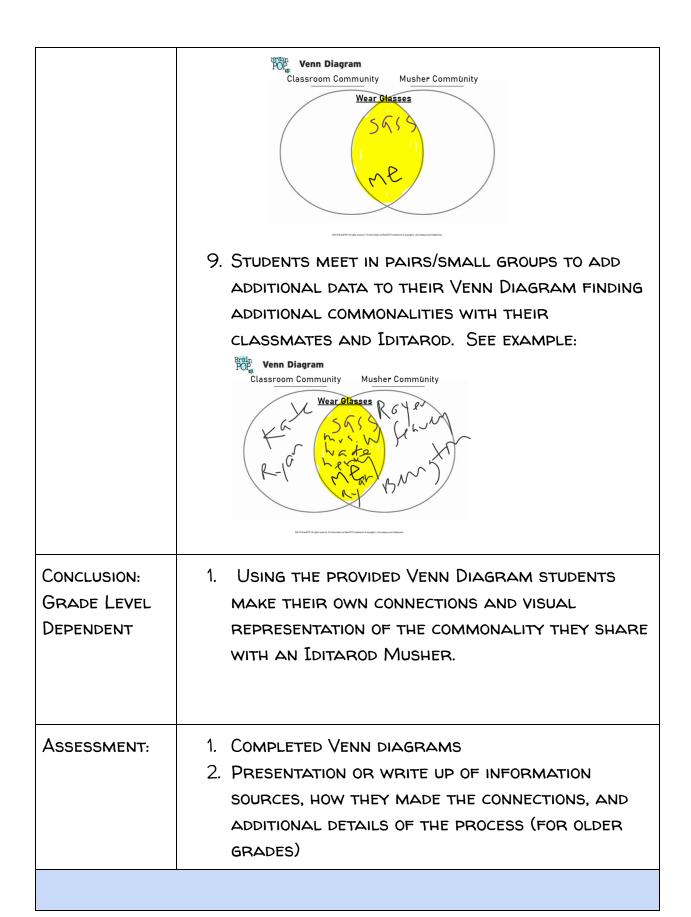
- 4. Use a pre-selected example musher that has a commonality with your students (home location, gender, participates in an activity with a parent see Bailey and Gregg Vitello)
- 5. DEFINE AND EXPLAIN A VENN DIAGRAM. (MY DISTRICT USES BRAINPOPJR. WHICH HAS AN EXCELLENT 7 MINUTE VIDEO ON THIS TOPIC)
- 6. CREATE A VENN DIAGRAM AS A CLASS ON THE BOARD TO SHOW THE OVERLAP WITH THE SELECTED MUSHER. SEE EXAMPLE:

EXTENSION:



DEPENDING ON GRADE LEVEL, TIME AVAILABLE, AND RESEARCH GOALS THIS ACTIVITY CAN BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE INDEPENDENT RESEARCH IN IDITAROD MUSHER ARCHIVES AND ONLINE RESOURCES.

- 7. STUDENTS RESEARCH IDITAROD/JR. IDITAROD MUSHERS TO FIND COMMONALITIES.
- 8. STUDENTS CREATE THEIR OWN VENN DIAGRAM WITH A SINGLE MUSHER. SEE EXAMPLE:



ENRICHMENT/ SUGGESTIONS:	CUT OUT AND CONNECT VENN DIAGRAMS TO CREATE AN OVERLAP CIRCLE SHOWING MULTIPLE CONNECTIONS WITH STUDENTS AND MUSHERS. DISPLAY ON BULLETIN BOARD OR IN HALLWAY.
OTHER:	LOOKING FOR AN EASY KID-CONNECTION? READ: PEOPLE FOOD BY GYPSY OR DEPENDABLE DELIVERIES BY FORMER TEACHER ON THE TRAIL BRIAN HICKOX TO FIND OUT WHAT MUSHERS LIKE TO EAT ON THE TRAILHINT: JUST LIKE IN YOUR SCHOOL LUNCHROOM, PIZZA IS A FAVORITE!