

THIS MONTH'S
LESSONS:

6 Traits Writing:
using the trait of
Word Choice

What it Takes:
Insider clips featur-
ing the character
trait of:
respect

Holiday Connection:
giving—mushers
supporting charita-
ble causes

Common Thread:
your personal slogan

Teacher Times

Make a "State-ment"

Alaska state motto: North to Alaska!

Arizona state motto: Ditat Deus (God enriches)

AVERAGE TEMPS FOR NOVEMBER

	HIGH	LOW
ANCHORAGE, AK	27.2	15.1
NOME, AK	22.5	9.3
PHOENIX, AZ	74.9	48.9

THE LAST GREAT RACE ON EARTH

Someone asked me recently why the Iditarod is called "The Last Great Race on Earth." Think of what makes it "great".

The distance along speaks for itself; couple that with the rugged wilder-ness conditions and the majestic beauty and it speaks even louder.

In this race are pitted people against nature—people from all walks of life: lawyers, doctors, fishermen, artists, miners, etc. Men and women are on an equal playing field. Competitors gather from around the world. That being said, consider

that the only ones competing have proving themselves worthy in other venues before. Mushers run without the aid of mechanics, electricity, and other modern technology.

It is run by thousands of volunteers that leave their homes, families, and jobs to be a part of it.

The racers and their dogs are constantly in the throes of inclement weather, fatigue, hunger, hallucinations, overflow, darkness, and the ominous threat of injury or illness. It is unique in all the world in these points. Isn't easy to see how it has earned that nickname?

6 TRAITS WRITING

In the next few months, I will be writing a new type of lesson plan based on the 6 Traits method of teaching writing. If you are not familiar with 6 Traits, don't worry. It parallels basic writing skills you ARE familiar with and you will be able to

easily use the lesson plans and ideas in your classroom.

The 6 Traits of Writing are:

- idea
- word choice
- organization
- fluency
- voice
- conventions