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Story Guide for "I ditarod Dream"



1. What is the genre of this selection? P. 186

2. In this selection, look for events in _____ and ordinary people who face _____ challenges. P. 186
3. In what state does the I ditarod take place? P.186 _____
4. How many dog teams are entered in the Jr. I ditarod race? P. 188 _____
5. Who gets to race in the number one position in the Jr. I ditarod race? P. 188

6. Why is number 6 a good position for Dusty to begin the race in? p. 189 _____

7. About how long is the I ditarod? P. 189 Hint: This is a math problem. J _____
_____ How do you know? _____

8. Why is Dusty glad the temperature is zero degrees? P. 189 _____

9. Why is Dusty concerned about the starting place of this race? P. 189 _____

10. What must each racer carry on the sled? P. 189 _____

11. How does crashing into a tree become a positive thing for Dusty? P. 191 _____

12. Why is a tangle a musher's number one nightmare? P.192 _____

13. Why does Dusty feel relaxed when he goes onto the lake? P. 192 _____

14. Why did Dusty lose the race the previous year? P. 188 _____

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15. How do you know that Dusty is sensitive to his dogs and their needs? P. 192 - 193 _____

16. Why does the official check Dusty's sled? P. 193 _____

17. On pp. 194-195, list 3 dog chores that Dusty did in the order they occurred. Hint: Look for words like next, after, and then. _____

18. Why do you think Dusty is concerned about not being able to see the trail markers or moose? P. 195 _____

19. How do you know that Dusty trusts his dog teams? PP. 194 - 195 _____

20. Do you think the dogs trust Dusty? _____ Why or why not? PP. 194 - 195 _____

21. Why did Dusty take Annie out as lead dog and put another dog in? P. 193 _____

22. Why does Dusty leave Yentna at three thirty in the morning? P. 195 _____

23. Why does Dusty help build a fire at Yentna? P. 195 _____

24. What rumor is started about Dusty? P. 196 _____

25. Why does Dusty have to lift a dog's front legs off the ground when he walks it from the truck? P. 190 _____

26. How does everyone know that Dusty has not hurt his dogs? P. 196 _____
