

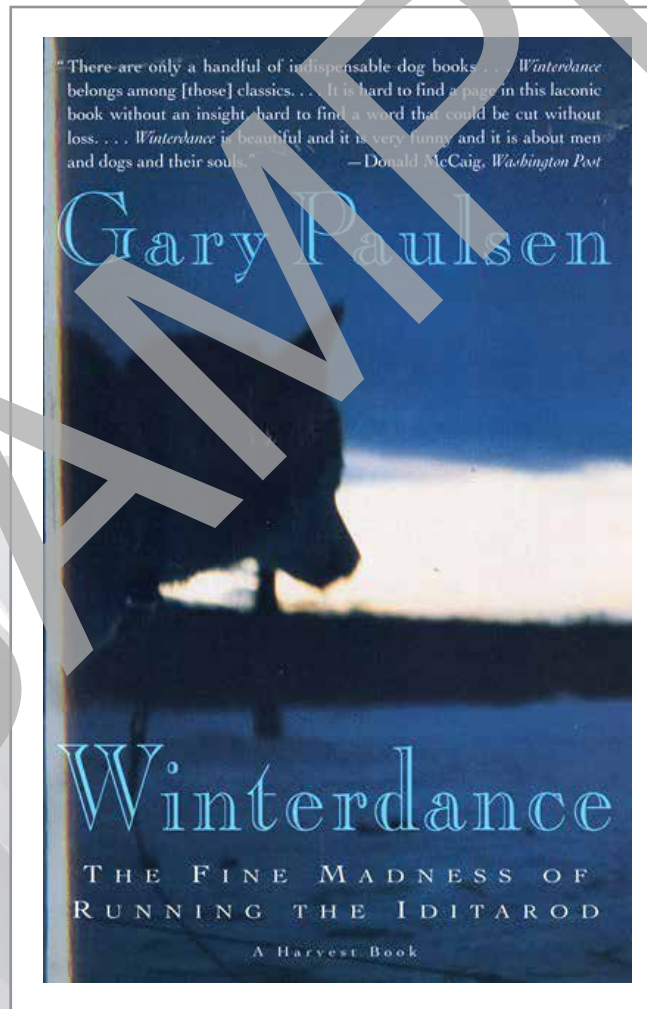


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## Vocabulary Card Game

### Teacher Directions:

- Photocopy and cut out the following pages.
- Give one card to each student in the class.
- The student who has the starred card begins by reading his/her question.
- The student who has the card with the correct vocabulary word responds and then reads his/her question.
- Play continues in this manner until all cards have been read.

☆ **keening**

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Who has a word that means principles?

**tenets**

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Who has a word that means currents moving in the opposite direction of the main current?

**eddies**

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Who has a word that means crouched?

**hunkered**

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Who has a word that means movement in progress?

**momentum**

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Who has a word that means having lost one's sense of direction or position?

**disoriented**

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Who has a word that means moved unsteadily?

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6. What historical event in Alaska caused a lack of dogs in Seattle?
7. How does the doughnut man react when his dogs refuse to move?
8. What does the man do to his team?
9. How does Paulsen feel about the man? What does he do about it?
10. What are the rules about killing an Iditarod dog?
11. What special treatment does Paulsen receive at the Shageluk checkpoint?
12. What does the boy who is serving the chili plan to do when he is 18 years old?
13. **Prediction:** How will Paulsen's race end? Will he cross the finish line?

### **The Yukon—An End, pp. 224–256**

1. What does Paulsen do to combat the cold of the Yukon?
2. List some examples of how Paulsen measures the cold.
3. What does the snowmobiler do? What is wrong with this?
4. How does Paulsen describe Norton Sound?
5. How does Cookie warn Paulsen of the upcoming danger?
6. What happens to the musher ahead of Paulsen?
7. What prevents Paulsen from running the Iditarod a third time?
8. What does Paulsen do after learning about his disease?
9. What is Paulsen's final question? How *will* Paulsen live?

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### Attribute Web

**Directions:** Complete the diagram below by characterizing Gary Paulsen as he raced through the Alaskan terrain.

