



Woodsong By Gary Paulsen

- Objective: The students will hear a first hand account of running the Iditarod.
- Materials: *Woodsong* book by Gary Paulsen (available at the Duluth Public Library and most likely in the school's library)
- Time: 5 minutes a day
- MN Standard: **Language Arts**—*Literature and Reading: Literature*
The student will actively engage in the reading process and read, understand, respond to, analyze, interpret, evaluate and appreciate a wide variety of fiction, poetic and nonfiction texts.
- Respond to literature using ideas and details from the text to support reactions and make literary connections.
 - Read from and respond to a variety of fiction, poetic and nonfiction texts of increasing complexity for personal enjoyment.
- Set Up: Designate a time for one daily reading from *Woodsong*. Use only “The Race” account of this book starting on page 89. This gives a day by day account of Gary Paulsen’s Iditarod experience. The beginning of this book gives a graphic account of a deer being killed by a pack of wolves which may not be appropriate for primary level students. However, don’t be turned off, the race accounts are a great insight into this race.
- Process: Read a daily account from *Woodsong*. Try and read each day as it corresponds with Matt’s day on the trail.