



## English 7: Reading: Module 3: Lesson 3: Section 4

Synthesize Ideas in Informational/Expository Text

### Using Textual Evidence

**Instructions:** Read the text and questions that follow and respond as instructed. When you are finished, return to the lesson.



Source: Husky 3.JPG, Wikimedia

In order to answer the question, "What makes people love the sport of dog sledding," you need to look at organizing the information by asking a different question. To do that, start with two short passages from both texts and a different question. This helps you learn to support statements with evidence before you make a general synthesis statement about both texts.

The first step is to locate the part of each text that answers the question below. Read the two Excerpts, and then mouse over the sentence in each text that most directly answers the question.

How can you best describe each author's impression of being alone on the dog sled?

1.

In this passage from the first text, Verlyn Klinkenborg describes his thoughts as he rides in the sled alone for the first time:

"I watch the driving legs ahead of me—28 of them—on dogs whose frames are small and light, nothing like the creatures I'd imagined. And as we cut through the white ash swamp, hissing across the ice, I find myself wondering, why do sled dogs run?"

In this passage from the second text, Andrew McCarthy describes dog sledding in a slightly different way:

"Over the next few days, twice a day, I took the dogs out. As I grew more relaxed on the sled, and with the animals, I graduated to more challenging routes, leaning hard into turns through the trees. I shouted encouragement to the dogs, and they seemed to run faster. There were fleeting, and thrilling, glimpses of what it was like to be in sync with the animals in the wilderness."



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The next step is to answer the question above in your own words. Include the title of the text and the author. Type your answers into each box below. When you're finished, mouse over the Suggested Response buttons.

2.

<b>Text 1</b>	<b>Text 2</b>
<b>Suggested Response</b>	<b>Suggested Response</b>

Next, using the textual evidence you identified in question 1, paraphrase (rather than quoting) the comment by each author. Type your answers into each box below. When you're finished, mouse over the Suggested Response buttons.

3.

<b>Text 1</b>	<b>Text 2</b>
<b>Suggested Response</b>	<b>Suggested Response</b>

Finally, combine your paraphrases into one synthesized statement. Type your answers into the box below. When you're finished, mouse over the Suggested Response button.

4.

<b>Suggested Response</b>
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