

Over the Top of the World
Theme 1
4th Grade Challenge Reading

Name _____

Date _____

Before Reading

Preview the book ***Over the Top of the World***. Discuss the following questions with your group.

1. Is the book divided into chapters? How many chapters are there?

2. What other features are listed in the table of contents?

3. What is a prologue? What is an epilogue?

4. Within each chapter, how is the information organized?



Vocabulary:

Caribou: deer of North American arctic regions

Insulate: to cover with a material that prevents the passage of heat.

Unstable: not steady; unpredictable

Latitude: distance north or south of the equator

Migrating: moving from one place to another

Using these words write at least three sentences that you think might appear in this book.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

During Reading

Keep a chart about the best and the worst aspects of living and working in the Arctic. Where possible, include the page where the detail was found.



The Best	The Worst
The Arctic is peaceful. The author says, "The sounds of the Arctic are like a song to me." pg 15	When the author went to brush his teeth, the toothpaste was frozen solid. pg. 15

Add to this list of specific words or phrases that describe the climate or geography of this region.



Extremely cold (pg. 15)

Snowstorm causing a whiteout (pg. 19)

In your opinion, what hardship of living or working in the Arctic would be most difficult?



Think about what you have learned about the Arctic Region. Compare this very cold region to an animal. Write several sentences telling how the animal's traits are similar to those of this challenging, but beautiful, region. Draw an illustration that will help your classmates see the comparison.

The Arctic is like a _____.

Draw your illustration here.

