

This is an example of an informative speech outline. USE the template to assure yourself of perfection. FINAL sub point for each main point must be your transition.

**Thesis Statement: The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race is the most popular sporting event in Alaska.**

- I. The Race began in 1973.
  - A. Iditarod received more attention outside of Alaska after Libby Riddle's victory in 1985.
  - B. The race begins on the first Saturday in March each year.
  - C. The race is over 1,150 miles long from Anchorage to Nome and takes 9-15 days to complete.
  - D. The trail is composed of two routes: a northern route, which is run on even-numbered years and a southern route, which is run on odd-numbered years.
  - E. Along each route there are checkpoints that the mushers must sign into.
  - F. The challenging route demands adherence to rules.
- II. Each team must follow some guidelines.
  - A. Twelve to sixteen dogs are allowed per team, but at least six dogs must be harnessed when crossing the finish line in Nome.
  - B. The Siberian husky is the most popular sled racing dog.
  - C. Mushers are required to participate in three smaller races in order to qualify for the Iditarod.
  - D. The race has its roots to history.
- III. Dog sled racing began in 1925 when the "Great Race of Mercy" occurred.
  - A. A diphtheria epidemic threatened Nome.
  - B. A plane could not fly the serum due to the weather, so a train carried it 298 miles.
  - C. Twenty mushers and over 100 dogs relayed the package of serum from the train to Nome, a total of 674 miles.