

Answers

Locate and label the following places and things on the map of Alaska above.

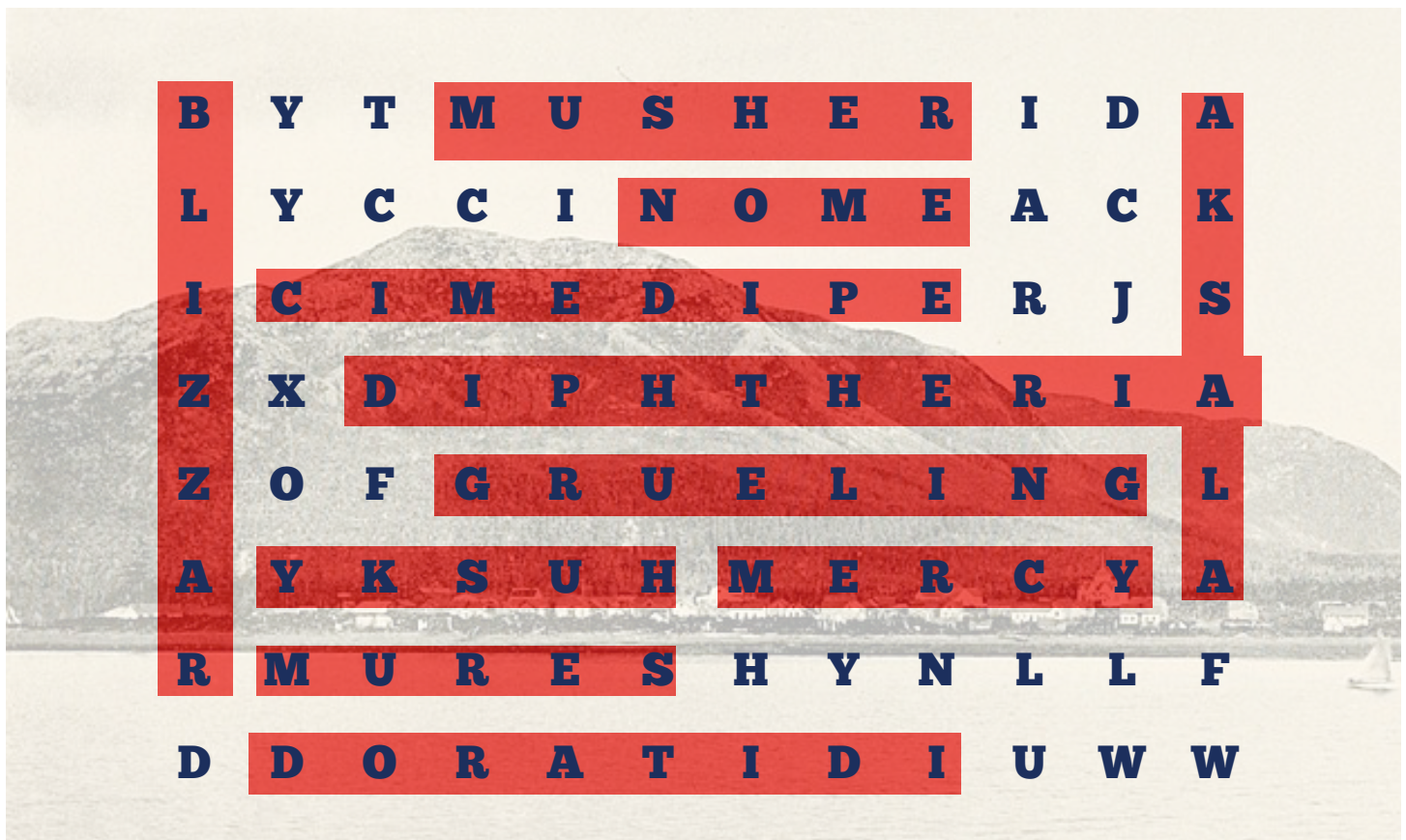
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THE GREAT RACE OF MERCY was a race to deliver serum that would save the lives of hundreds of people at risk of catching diphtheria in Nome, Alaska in 1925. The serum, relayed over 600 miles with 20 sled dog teams and their mushers, was delivered successfully.



Word Search Answers

ALASKA – the largest but most sparsely populated U.S. state. Bordering Canada, the Arctic Ocean, and the Pacific Ocean, it is unconnected to the lower 48 states.

BLIZZARD – an extreme snowstorm with strong winds, intense cold, and low visibility.

DIPHTHERIA – a highly contagious bacterial disease that can be fatal.

EPIDEMIC – a widespread, rapid growth of a disease affecting a large number of people at the same time.

GRUELING – exhausting, very tiring, demanding.

HUSKY – a breed of strong, medium-sized dogs often used in arctic regions for hunting and pulling sleds.

IDITAROD – an Alaskan town that flourished in the early 1900s but is now

abandoned. It is also the namesake of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, which takes place every year with a route that goes from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska. It was inspired by the 1925 serum run.

MERCY – an act of compassion or kindness.

MUSHER – a person who races with a dog team and sled. Mushers used to be professional deliverers, but nowadays, they compete for sport.

NOME – a city in Alaska with a population of roughly 3,600. It is located on the southern Seward Peninsula coast on Norton Sound of the Bering Sea.

SERUM – a liquid usually used to create immunity against an infection or disease. Synonyms for serum: antigen, antitoxin, vaccine.