

# *Silver* by Gloria Whelan

## Literature Trip



<http://www.gloriawhelan.com/about.htm>

Meet the author, Gloria Whelan. Take a look at her bio information. Then as you read the story she has written see if you can answer a few questions.

1. Would you read other books by this author? Why or Why not?
2. What did this author do to interest the reader or pull the reader into the text?
3. Why do you think the author ended the story this way?

<http://www.wordcentral.com/>

Good readers ask questions of themselves as they read. Many of those questions are centered around the meaning of words from the story. Look up key words from *Silver* to find their meaning in the online dictionary. Or, jot down any unfamiliar words as you read and try to define them, taking clues from the text.

Vocabulary Words:

parka  
mosquitoes  
musher  
nagoonberries  
rendezvous  
trembling

<http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0108178.html>

<http://dsc.discovery.com/games-quizzes/alaska-myths/>

Is the place important to the story? How? At the sites see what you can learn about Alaska and then test yourself by taking a Myth Buster's quiz.



<http://dsc.discovery.com/videos/mythbusters-raw-meet-the-doggies.html>

At this link you can watch a video and watch the Myth Buster's gang go on a dog sled ride.

<http://www.gomush.com/>

Watch Scott Elnes, a Anchorage, Alaska Channel 2 weather man by trade and Alaska adventure enthusiast who takes to the trail as a cheechako musher. But before he does, he gets a little advice from some seasoned mushers like DeeDee, Martin Buser and Lance Mackey.

Scott says " This was simply one of the greatest adventures of my life and I'm working nearly round the clock to put the whole thing into something that can even remotely do it justice".

[http://www.fetchdog.com/blogs/fetchdogblog/General/fifteen\\_facts\\_about\\_sled\\_dogs](http://www.fetchdog.com/blogs/fetchdogblog/General/fifteen_facts_about_sled_dogs)

Did you know that...Many sled dogs wear booties to protect their feet from sharp and jagged ice. To find out more go this website to read fifteen facts about sled dogs.

[http://www.trails.com/list\\_1125\\_activities-snow-kids.html](http://www.trails.com/list_1125_activities-snow-kids.html)

Snow day with nothing to do....Check out this list of activities. You'll find something fun to do.

<http://www.bowwow.com.au/>

In the story *Silver*, Rachel's dad gives her a puppy. She named him Silver. Do you think this was a good name for the puppy, or would you pick another. Use this site to help you find a perfect name.

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/iditarod/>

What would it be like to run the Iditarod? Take a moment to explore this site about the race across Alaska; it will be a fun informational experience.

[http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/studyjams/matter\\_states/index.htm](http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/studyjams/matter_states/index.htm)

Just for fun! What state of matter is snow...Test your matter knowledge at this site and have a little fun doing it.