Discussion Questions and Activities for *Molly of Denali*

"Berry Itchy Day"

Before Viewing

- What do you predict the story will be about? Why?
- What berries do you think Molly and her family like to eat?
- What kind of bugs do you see when you go picking berries?

During Viewing

- Did the story plot match your predictions?
- What mistake did Molly make before they went on the trip? What happened as a result of this mistake?
- Why did the fire keep mosquitoes away?

After Viewing

- What was the problem Molly and her family encountered on their trip? What strategies did Molly use to try to solve the problem? Which ones were successful?
- How did Molly's friend find the recipe in the book?
- What ingredients did Molly and her mom use in the recipe? What steps did Molly and her mom take to make the recipe?
- What useful text features can you use to help you find what you are looking for inside informational books?

Writing Connection Activity: See if you can find some wild plants at or near your home. Draw a picture of the plants you find. Do some research about the plants and write a short summary about what you learned.

"Herring Eggs or Bust"

Before Viewing

- What do you predict the story will be about? Why?
- What are herring eggs? Have you ever tried herring eggs?

During Viewing

- Did the story plot match your predictions?
- Why did Molly need 3 good reasons to go on her adventure?
- What do you think might be Molly's 3rd good reason?

After Viewing

- What obstacle did Molly face when trying to find 3 good reasons to embark on her adventure? How did she finally find 3 good reasons?
- How did Molly organize her reasons?
- Which of Molly's reasons were acceptable and which ones were not? Why?

Writing Connection Activity/Writing opinion/arguments: Think of something you would really like to do or a place you would really like to visit. See if you can construct an argument to persuade your family to let you. Try to think of three or more good reasons. You may wish to use this persuasive writing graphic organizer to help you plan your work.

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