



Discussion Questions and Activities for *Molly of Denali*

"Picking Cloudberries"

Before Viewing

- What do you predict the story will be about?
- What are cloudberries?

During Viewing

- Is the story matching your predictions, so far?
- Why do you think Molly is so interested in finding the cloudberries?
- Why is it important that Molly and Trini follow each of the directions carefully?
- What do you think Grandpa meant by the "path donot"? What did they learn?

After Viewing

- What interesting things did they see and feel in nature along their search for the berries?
- How were they sure they found the cloudberries?
- Why were the cloudberries and the butterfly so special?
- What other kinds of berries grow in Alaska?
- What did Molly and Trini learn in this episode?

Response Activity: Use this graphic organizer (from Understood.org) to retell the events of this story.

"Puzzled"

Before Viewing

- What do you predict the story will be about?
- What does it mean to be "puzzled"?



During Viewing

- Is the story matching your earlier predictions?
- Why do you think Molly is hiding under the bed?
- What did they discover under Tooey's bed? Why do you think they are having trouble opening it?
- Why does opening the puzzle box take patience?
- What do you think is inside the box?

After Viewing

- What strategy did Molly and Tooey use to open the box?
- What did they find inside?
- How did Molly and Tooey solve the mystery and learn about the story inside the box? What did they learn?

Response Activity: Use this graphic organizer (from Understood.org) to summarize the events of the story.



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