

Discussion Questions and Activities for *Molly of Denali*

“Reading the Mud”

Before Viewing

- What do you predict the story will be about?

During Viewing

- Is the story matching your predictions, so far?
- Why did the turkeys look different?
- What do you think might happen after Suki digs around the turkey pen?
- Why do you think Molly’s dad meant when he said “the ground has a story to tell”?

After Viewing

- What problem did Molly and Tooeey encounter in this episode? What strategies and clues did they use to solve the problem?
- How did they “read the mud” in this episode?
- What interesting facts did they learn about turkeys?

Response Activity: Use [this graphic organizer](#) to summarize the events of the story.

“Unsinkable Molly Mabray”

Before Viewing

- What do you predict the story will be about?
- What is a “tall tale”?

During Viewing

- Is the story matching your earlier predictions?
- What was Molly’s grand plan? Do you think it is reasonable? Why or why not?
- What are Molly and her friends doing to help them achieve their plan? What are they learning about boats?

After Viewing

- What materials did the kids use to build their boat? What problems did they encounter along the way?
- What did they learn about sailboats?

Response Activity: Use [this graphic organizer](#) to describe the story elements from this episode.