

Discussion Questions and Activities for *Molly of Denali*

"Sap Season"

Before Viewing

- What do you predict the story will be about?
- What is "sap"?

During Viewing

- Is the story matching your predictions, so far?
- Why are they tapping trees for sap?
- What are the steps involved in tapping the tree?
- What types of trees are they tapping? What kind of syrup are they making?

After Viewing

- What problem did Molly encounter in this episode? What was the creative solution?
- What was your favorite part of this story? Why?
- Learn more, [at this site](#) about birch syrup and the process for making it.

Writing Connection Activity: List and describe the steps involved in making birch syrup? Use [this graphic organizer](#) (from understood.org) to help guide your work.

"The Book of Mammoths"

Before Viewing

- What do you predict the story will be about?
- What are "mammoths"?
- What does "extinct" mean?

During Viewing

- Is the story matching your earlier predictions?
- Do you think they will find a mammoth on their adventure?
- What is interesting about the wood frog?

After Viewing

- What did Molly learn about Travis's book? How did Travis get tricked?
- Why is it important to get information from more than one source?
- You can learn more about woolly mammoths from the following 3 sources:
 - [National Geographic Kids](#)
 - [Live Science](#)
 - [Kiddle Encyclopedia](#)

Informational Writing Activity: Use the above 3 sources of information to write a few paragraphs about woolly mammoths. Use [this graphic organizer](#) (from understood.org) to help guide your writing.