



Discussion Questions and Activities for *Molly of Denali*

"Stand Back Up"

Before Viewing

- What do you predict the story will be about?
- What do you know about the Olympics?

During Viewing

- Is the story matching your predictions, so far?
- Why did Molly and her Mom think Sharon and Shirley Firth were so interesting?
- How far did Molly need to ski in the meet?
- What skills does Molly need to learn to compete?
- How do you think she will perform at the ski meet?
- What helped Molly cross the finish line?

After Viewing

- What did Molly learn about the Firth sisters in this episode?
- What are some of the qualities that Olympians must possess?
- What character traits did Molly exhibit in this episode?
- Why was this episode called, "stand back up"?
- What important lessons did Molly learn in this episode?
- You can learn more about Sharon and Shirley Firth here.

Connection Activity: Use <u>this graphic organizer</u> (from Understood.org) to summarize Molly's character traits.

"Seal Meal"

Before Viewing

- What do you predict the story will be about?
- What do you think fly fishing is?



During Viewing

- Is the story matching your earlier predictions?
- What is fly fishing? Why do they call it fly fishing?
- How do you think Molly will attempt to remove the seal from the boat?
- How did Molly catch her first fish?

After Viewing

- What challenges did Molly and her family experience during her fly-fishing outing?
- How did Molly help resolve the problem?
- How did Molly use the fly-fishing book to learn and to solve problems?
- What did Molly learn about fly fishing in this episode?

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

