

Discussion Questions and Activities for *Molly of Denali*

"Fiddle of Nowhere"

Before Viewing

- What do you predict the story will be about?
- What is your favorite musical instrument? Why?

During Viewing

- Is the story matching your predictions, so far?
- How do you think Oscar feels about his broken fiddle string? Why?
- Who do you think the fiddler in the woods might be?

After Viewing

- What was the "silver lining" or upside of Oscar and Molly missing the music festival?
- How do you think the kids felt when they learned the identity of the fiddler in the woods?
- Why did Finnegan decide to live in a secluded cabin in the woods?

Writing Connection Activity: Use [this graphic organizer](#) (from Understood.org) to summarize the events of the story

"Splash of Mink"

Before Viewing

- What do you predict the story will be about?
- What is a [mink](#)?

During Viewing

- Is the story matching your earlier predictions?
- What did the kids find in the log?
- Why did Molly and Trini smell?
- What did the animal do to them? Why do you think the animal did that?
- How do you think they will get rid of the smell?

- What did grandpa mean when he told them that they can't believe everything they read and to use trusted sources?

After Viewing

1. Why did the mink spray the kids?
2. What strategies did the kids use to remove the smell?
3. Why did they have difficulty removing the smell?
4. What did they learn about researching solutions to their problem?

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