

Discussion Questions and Activities for *Molly of Denali*

"Welcome Home Balto"

Before Viewing

- What do you predict the story will be about?
- What are "mushers"?
- What does "perilous" mean?

During Viewing

- Is the story matching your predictions, so far?
- Why do you think they built a Balto statue in New York?
- What do you think Molly and Tooev will do, since they learned there is not a statue of Balto in Alaska?
- Do you think they will continue to head into the blizzard?
- What words would you use to describe the characters?

After Viewing

- What was the problem Molly and Tooev encountered in this episode? How did they solve the problem?
- How was the situation in this episode similar to the story of Balto?
- What did Molly learn about Balto?
- Why was Balto a hero?

Reading Connection Activity: [Read the story of Balto the Sled Dog](#), [Facts about Siberian Huskies](#)

Writing Connection Activity: Use what you have learned in the story and facts page to write an informational piece about Balto and/or Siberian Huskies. You may wish to use this [paragraph structure graphic organizer](#) to help you plan your work.

"Snow Jam"

Before Viewing

- What do you predict the story will be about?

- Did you know there are different types of snow? Listen and learn from Grandpa and Molly, in this episode.

During Viewing

- Is the story matching your earlier predictions?
- What do you think the Northern Lights team will do to raise money to attend the tournament? What ideas would you have? How might the community help?
- What is a pledge? Why do you think so many people pledged to the team's cause?

After Viewing

- What did Molly and her friends learn about snow in this episode? How did this knowledge help her and her team during the snowshoe trek?
- How did they make it to the finish line?
- What did the team learn about the value of community and teamwork?

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