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# LET'S TRAVEL TO...

# ALASKA



A computer monitor displays a trivia question. The title "TRIVIA QUESTION" is in orange. The text reads: "Alaska and Hawaii were the last two states admitted to the USA. Both were admitted in 1959. Which one was first?". Below the text are two images: a snowy mountain range (Alaska) and a tropical sunset with palm trees (Hawaii). The word "OR" is centered between the images. At the bottom right of the screen, it says "(answer on next slide)".

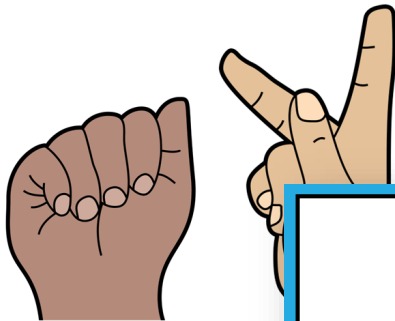
**GRADES**  
**2-5**

Library Lesson + Activity



# ON THE SPECIALS?

## SIGN LANGUAGE



A

Alaska is abbreviated as "AK."

You can also sign Alaska by making the letter  
A near your forehead, then tracing the side of

## ALASKA ON A MAP

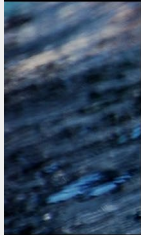
Alaska is the largest US state! Its nickname is "The Last Frontier."



Teaching the same lesson, the same way, 20 times each week? There is a variety of content here, so you don't need to use every slide with every grade level. No more teaching the exact same lesson all week!

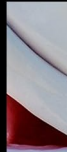
# TWO-PART LESSON

## WHAT ANIMAL AM I?



I am related  
to the narwhal.

I am born brown or gray,  
but I turn white as an adult.



I have excellent  
hearing!



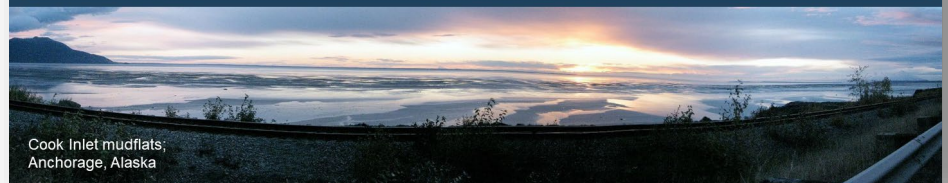
## WORD OF THE WEEK

### mudflat

(noun) in coastal wetlands; mudflats are muddy areas left behind after the tide goes out

The mudflats along the Anchorage coast can be dangerous to walk on!

You could get stuck in the mud and unable to get out.



Cook Inlet mudflats,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Designed specifically for librarians on the Specials rotation! Each part takes about 25 minutes and can easily be reduced or split into two lessons.

# PART I – WHOLE CLASS LESSON

## STATE FLOWER



The Alaska state flower is the  
alpine forget-me-not.

## ALASKA STATE FLAG



Do you recognize the constellation  
on the Alaska state flag?

It's the Big Dipper! The star in the  
top-right corner is called Polaris.

This has been Alaska's  
flag since 1927.

Part I is a guided whole-class discussion. Includes  
sign language, state flower, flag, bird, map, etc.

# PART I – WHOLE CLASS LESSON

## ALEUTIAN ISLANDS



Unalaska Island is part of the Aleutian Islands.

The Aleutian Islands are 14 large volcanic islands, plus 55 smaller islands.

The islands form an **archipelago**.

## ANIMALS OF AK



Kodiak bear



moose



Dall sheep

Sample slides from Part I

# GUIDES YOUR LIBRARY TIME

## CHECKING OUT BOOKS TODAY!

Write in checkout reminders or procedures here.

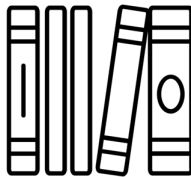


orca

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## WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

1



Find a book you like.

2



Bring your book to the circulation desk.

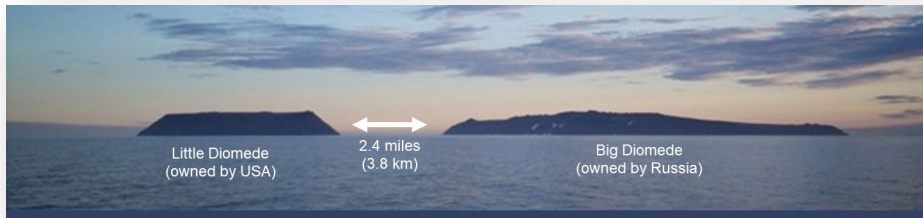
3



Complete the Scavenger Hunt.

The presentation guides library time from start to finish! Includes recommended read-aloud ideas with video links, reminder slides, and a “What Should We Do Now?” slide.

# PART II - SCROLLING SLIDES



## THE DIOMEDE ISLANDS

- Two islands are in the middle of the Bering
- Little Diomede is owned by the USA and is
- Little Diomede has a school! Only about 30



## TRIVIA QUESTION

Alaska has lots of caribou!  
What is another word for caribou?

- A. moose
- B. reindeer
- C. elk
- D. red deer

(answer on next slide)

Part II includes additional facts about Alaska wildlife, places of interest, foods, would-you-rathers, and more! These slides are meant to scroll on a timer during checkout time.

# SCROLLING SLIDES

## THIS OR THAT?



go on a whale-watching  
boat in Alaska

OR



kayak with manatees in Florida

## LIBRARY REVIEW

You want to read more about an Alaskan animal called a wolverine.

What library section will have books about wolverines?



- a. 100 – Philosophy & Psychology
- b. 400 – Language
- c. 500 – Science
- d. 800 – Literature

(answer on next slide)

More examples of Part II—Scrolling Slides



# DON'T HAVE POWERPOINT?

## FOODS TO TRY IN ALASKA

Alaska is known for its seafood!

People in Alaska love eating king crab legs.



To eat crab legs, you need to crack the shell and eat the meat.

Yes, it can be messy.

## ALASKAN SLED DOGS



Alaskan Malamute



Siberian Husky



Alaskan Husky

I've also included a Google Slides version!

# HISTORY, TOO!

## ALASKA PURCHASE

The USA purchased Alaska from Russia in 1876.

The purchase price was \$7.2 million.

The US bought Alaska hoping to increase trade with Asian countries.

The price was a great bargain for such a large amount of land, but at the time, many people said it was a mistake.



## OIL SPILL

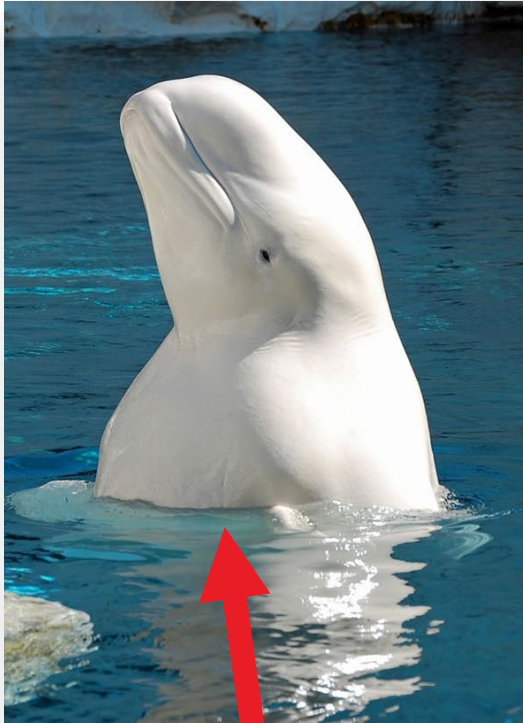
On March 24, 1989, an oil ship belonging to Exxon Valdez hit a reef near Tatitlek, Alaska.

The ship tore open and spilled millions of gallons of oil into the sea.

This oil spill killed and injured countless seabirds, otters, fish, sea lions, and other animals.

It took many years to clean up the mess.

# ALL TEXT IS EDITABLE



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(images)**

## BELUGA FACTS

- Also called white whales
- Eat fish, crustaceans, and worms
- Live in small groups of other belugas (called pods)
- Communicate with whistles, clicks, and clangs

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and headers)**

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# PRE-FILLED LESSON PLAN TEMPLATE

**LESSON PLAN**

**DATES**  
TYPE LESSON DATE HERE

**GRADES**  
TYPE GRADE LEVEL(S) HERE

**SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES**

- Computer, projector or TV speakers
- Books for read-aloud
- Copies of Scavenger Hunt
- Copies of Recommended and parents
- Pencils, colored pencils, etc.

**AASL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK**

**AASL 1.D.3**  
Enacting new understanding through real-world connections.

**AASL 6.1.1**  
Interacting with content presented by others

**AASL 1.1.B**  
Read, view, and listen for information presented in any format (e.g., video, audio, text) in order to make inferences and gather meaning.

**COMMON CORE STANDARDS**

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.R.10**  
Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.2.1**  
Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners in small and larger groups.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.7**  
Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) to make inferences and gather meaning from the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how something happened or occurred).

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.4.10**  
By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, in particular technical texts, in the grades 4-5 text complexity band proficiently, with sufficient independence to comprehend most texts.

**TEKS (TEXAS)**  
**§113.14. SOCIAL STUDIES. GRADE 3**  
3.14.1.1 The student understands how humans and the environment interact and explain various natural and human-induced changes in the environment.

**THE STUDENTS WILL...**

- Sign the ASL sign for "Alaska" and "seal"
- Participate in a whole-class discussion about Alaska wildlife, major cities, landmarks, geographical features, flag, etc.
- Find Alaska on a US map
- Identify Juneau as Alaska state capital
- Discuss major events in Alaska history and US statehood

**RELATED VIDEO:**

- ["Alaska for Kids" by Homeschool Pop \(7 min\)](#)
- ["A Walk in the Arctic for Kids" by Scholastic \(<4 min\)](#)
- ["Brilliant Time-Lapse of Alaska's Northern Lights" by National Geographic \(<3 min\)](#)
- ["How Glaciers Change the World!" by SciShow Kids \(5 min\)](#)

**READ-ALOUD(S)**  
TYPE READ-ALOUD TITLES HERE

**CONCEPTS**

- Alaska wildlife: Dall sheep, moose, Kodiak bear, sled dogs, wolverine, beluga whale, willow ptarmigan
- Balto and Togo (famous sled dogs)
- ASL sign for "seal"
- Important cities in Alaska
- Alaska state flower: forget-me-not
- Landforms: Aleutian Islands, Diomed Islands, Bering Strait, Denali
- Places of Interest: Anchorage mudflats, Russian Orthodox Church in Juneau
- History: purchase from Russia, US statehood, 1925 diphtheria outbreak, oil spill, Iditarod
- Alaska foods: King crab, baked Alaska, wild berries
- Vocabulary: Seward's Folly, mudflats, archipelago

**LIBRARY SKILLS**

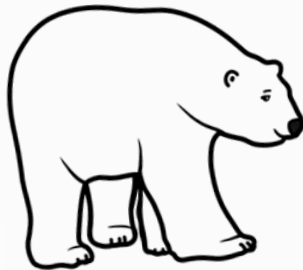
If you wanted to learn about wolverines, what Dewey section would you go to? (Dewey section 500)

**POST-READING...**

Includes a pre-filled, editable lesson plan template for this library lesson. AASL, TEKS, and CCSS standards are all included on the lesson plan.

# RECOMMENDED READS

## "Alaska Settings"



### Picture Books

*Berry Song* (Goade)  
*Alaska Is for the Birds* (Ewing)  
*Sunrise Summer* (Swanson)  
*Cozy* (Brett)  
*Togo* (Blake)  
*Pedro's Pan* (Lasley)  
*Arctic Lights, Arctic Nights* (Miller)

### Fiction

*365 Days to Alaska* (Carr)  
*Balto and Togo: Hero Dogs of Alaska* (Moss)  
*Balto and the Race Against Time* (Moss)  
*Whispering Alaska* (Jones)  
*The Skeleton Tree* (Lawrence)  
*Julie of the Wolves* (George)  
*The Year of Miss Agnes* (Hill)

### Nonfiction & Biography

*My Wilderness: An Alaskan Adventure* (McGehee)  
*I Survived: The Great Alaska Earthquake, 1964* (Tarshis)  
*Recess at 20 Below* (Aillaud)  
*Oil* (Winter)  
*Akiak: A Tale from the Iditarod* (Blake)



Includes separate page (editable) that lists 22 titles of books set in Alaska. Print and give out to students, parents, and teachers.

# PART II- SCAVENGER HUNTS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find all the images in the presentation?

**EASIER**

King crab

caribou

sled dogs

Alaska

Scavenger Hunt—Alaska

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find all the images and information in the presentation?

**HARDER**

What is another name for caribou?

The two Diomed Islands are located in the \_\_\_\_\_ (2 words).

The Aleutian Islands are what kind of landform?

In what year was the first Iditarod held?

What black substance spilled into the sea on March 24, 1989?

What constellation is on the Alaska state flag?

What country sold Alaska to the USA in 1876?

become a US state?

Name two foods that are popular in Alaska.

Name: **ANSWER KEY** Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find all the images and information in the presentation?

What is another name for caribou?  
**reindeer**

The two Diomed Islands are located in the \_\_\_\_\_ (2 words).  
**Bering Strait**

What constellation is on the Alaska state flag?  
**Big Dipper**

The Aleutian Islands are what kind of landform?  
**archipelago**

In what year was the first Iditarod held?  
**1973**

What toxic substance spilled into the sea on March 24, 1989?  
**oil**

Name two foods that are popular in Alaska.  
**King crab legs, seafood, wild berries**

**ANSWER KEY**

Iditarod 1876?  
**Iditarod**

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Keep students engaged during checkout! All images and answers to the questions appear in Part II of the presentation. Two differentiated versions!

# MORE LIBRARY LESSONS

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## LET'S TRAVEL TO TEXAS!

**TEXAS STATE BIRD**

The Texas state bird is the northern mockingbird.

Mockingbirds can imitate the sounds of other birds, plus machinery, music, frogs, and toads!



GRADES 2-5 Library lesson + activity



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## LET'S TRAVEL TO FLORIDA!

**FLORIDA ON A MAP**

Florida is a peninsula. That means it is surrounded by water on three sides.



GRADES 2-5 Library Lesson + Activity



PLAY IN GOOGLE™ SLIDES

## INTERACTIVE VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

**LAKES FULL OF LAVA**

There are over 1500 volcanoes on Earth.

Of the 1500, only seven volcanoes are known to have lava lakes.

Mount Crater Lake at the Mount Crater Lake State Park.

Have you ever seen a lava lake?

BACK NEXT



GRADES 3-5 "Antarctica"





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## LIBRARY LESSON

**TRIVIA QUESTION**

In the Northern Hemisphere, the first official day of winter is in what month?

- a. October
- b. November
- c. December
- d. January



GRADES 2-4 "Winter Weather"

