MOLLY & ME
Museum Planner

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Hello Friend!

I’m Molly! I live in Qyah, Alaska. I’m Gwich’in/Koyukon/Dena’ina and we do lots of outdoor things like dog-sledding, ice-fishing, volcano-watching and moose-calling.

I recently visited a museum about Alaska and Alaska Native people and learned a lot about my community. I heard that you are going to create a museum about your community too. How exciting!

Museums about community and culture are often filled with artifacts. An **artifact** is an item made by humans that has special meaning. Let’s use this museum planner to create our own artifacts! Mahsi’ choo! Let’s go!

- Molly
These are values that are important to me and my community.

1. SHOWING RESPECT TO OTHERS
   Each Person Has a Special Gift

2. SHARING WHAT YOU HAVE
   Giving Makes You Richer

3. KNOWING WHO YOU ARE
   You Are an Extension of Your Family

4. ACCEPTING WHAT LIFE BRINGS
   You Cannot Control Many Things

5. HAVING PATIENCE
   Some Things Cannot Be Rushed

6. LIVING CAREFULLY
   Your Actions Have Consequences

7. TAKING CARE OF OTHERS
   You Cannot Live Without Them

8. HONORING YOUR ELDERS
   They Show You the Way in Life

9. SEEING CONNECTIONS
   All Things are Related
A **value** is an idea, something we believe and practice, that is important and meaningful to our family or community.

*Molly of Denali* is guided by Alaska Native values that help shape the show, the games and learning experiences for kids and families. You might find some of these values familiar or similar to those of your family, culture and community.
What are some values that are important to you?
I saw this bird in my neighborhood. I looked in a book to find out the name of this type of bird and some information about it. Then, I made a museum placard with information about this type of bird to go with its picture.

**Molly’s Artifact: Boreal Owl Placard**

**Boreal Owl**

Boreal owls are cavity dwellers. They nest in holes in trees (cavities). The holes are usually natural hollows or old woodpecker holes.
What is a museum placard?

A museum **placard** is a label used to share important information about an object or exhibit in a museum.

It usually includes the name of the object, or type of object, what it is and some interesting facts.

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Investigating Animals: Our Research Page

Let’s research an animal that lives in your community!

The animal I am researching is:

What does it eat?

Where does it live?

What are some interesting facts about this animal?
**My Artifact: An Animal in Our Community**

**Animal Name:**

**It eats:**

**It lives in:**

**It has interesting features such as:**

**Another interesting fact is:**
This is Mr. Patak. I wrote a biosketch about Mr. Patak so others can learn about him.

**MR. PATAK**

Mr. Patak owns the woodshop in town. He can make pretty much anything out of wood—like canoes, sleds, chairs and basketball hoops. He can also make bird whistles from wood! His shop smells like trees in the forest.
A biosketch is a short biographical text that includes the name and facts about a person.

The purpose of a biosketch is to convey information about a person and their life to others. It usually includes a picture of the person and important or interesting facts such as a birthday, birthplace, important life events and special skills or talents.
The person I am researching is:

What are some interesting and important facts to share about this person?
My Artifact: A Biosketch

Person’s Name:

Interesting and Important Facts:

DRAW OR ADD PERSON’S PICTURE HERE

ARTIFACT BY:
This is a map showing where all the animal cameras are installed in a park. The cameras help us see the animals in their natural habitat. My notes show which camera is watching which animal. Can you find the Eagle Cam?
A **map** is a drawing of a location that shows physical features, such as lakes or mountains, and places, such as bridges or buildings.

A community map is a type of map with the purpose of sharing information about places that are important or special to the people from the community. The map may include symbols and labels that give interesting information about the community.
Places I like to go are:

The place I want to share with others is:

This place is important to me because:
My Artifact: A Place in Our Community

Community Place:

Facts about the Place:

Draw or post a picture of the place.

Artifact by:
My family has lots of fun traditions. One of our traditions is my Grandpa Nat’s Nivagi ice cream recipe. When I couldn’t find all of the ingredients in Grandpa Nat’s recipe, I created my own version. What are some of your traditions?

Molly & Grandpa Nat’s Nivagi

An ice cream recipe that uses ingredients that are commonly found in Alaska

Molly & Grandpa Nat’s Nivagi

Ingredients:
- 2 cups moose fat
- 1 cup dried moose meat
- 1 cup wild strawberries
- 1/2 cup mashed wild carrot
- Blueberries

Directions:
1. Whip moose fat until fluffy.
2. Mix in dried moose meat.
3. Fold in strawberries.
4. Add mashed wild carrot to taste.

Warning: Keep Nivagi away from hungry dogs!
What is a tradition?

A tradition is an activity or way to do something that you learn from elders.

A tradition could be a recipe, a song, a dance, a handshake or some other activity that is meaningful to you and your family.
The tradition I would like to share is:

How did you learn this tradition?

Why is this tradition important to you?
My Artifact: A Tradition

STEPS (What to do)

STEP 1

STEP 2

STEP 3

STEP 4

STEP 5

STEP 6

STEP 7

STEP 8

STEP 9
Thank you!

Mahsi’ Choo!
(Ma–See Cho),
a Gwich’în word for “Thank you”

Write “Thank You” in your native language.