



Life in The LAST FRONTIER

Say hello to three kids from Alaska, and find out a little about their lives in the 49th state.

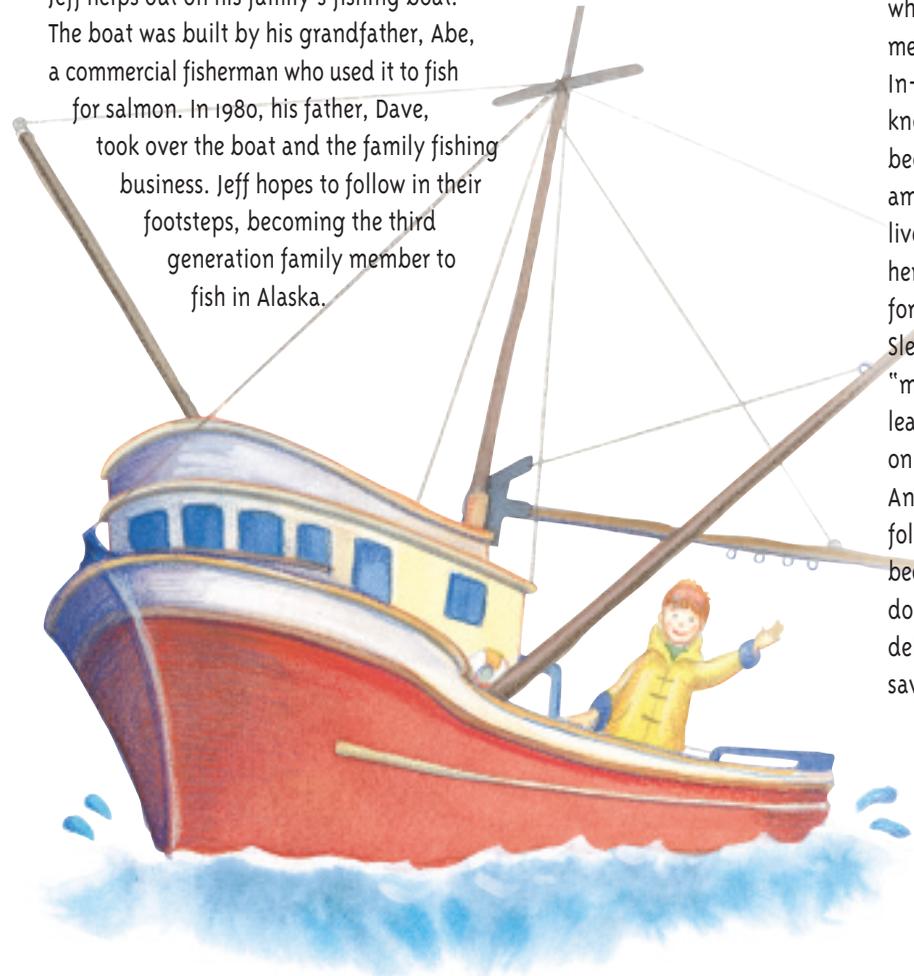


Benny Benson

FLAG DESIGNER
In 1926, 13-year-old Benny won a contest to design the Alaska state flag. His flag shows eight gold stars on a blue background, which stands for the Alaska sky. The stars represent the Big Dipper, a symbol of strength, and the North Star, which stood for the bright future of the new state of Alaska.

Jeff Rose

JUNIOR FISHERMAN
Jeff, age 10, lives in Sitka with his parents and sister, Suzie. During summers off from school, Jeff helps out on his family's fishing boat. The boat was built by his grandfather, Abe, a commercial fisherman who used it to fish for salmon. In 1980, his father, Dave, took over the boat and the family fishing business. Jeff hopes to follow in their footsteps, becoming the third generation family member to fish in Alaska.



Rachel Senungetuk

ALASKA NATIVE
Rachel, age 11, is a fifth grader who lives near Kotzebue. She is a member of the Inupiat (pronounced In-u-pea-at) tribe. Rachel is known as an Alaska Native, because her ancestors were among the first people to live in Alaska. Rachel and her family raise dogs for the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, where "mushers" (people who lead the dog teams) race on an 1100-mile course from Anchorage to Nome. The course follows the Iditarod trail, which became famous in 1925 after a sled dog team traveled on it to deliver medicine which helped save the city of Nome.



Design Your Own Alaska Flag

Benny Benson used the stars and the sky to design his flag. What Alaska symbols would you choose?



Crab



Moose



Moon



Tree



Mountain



Salmon



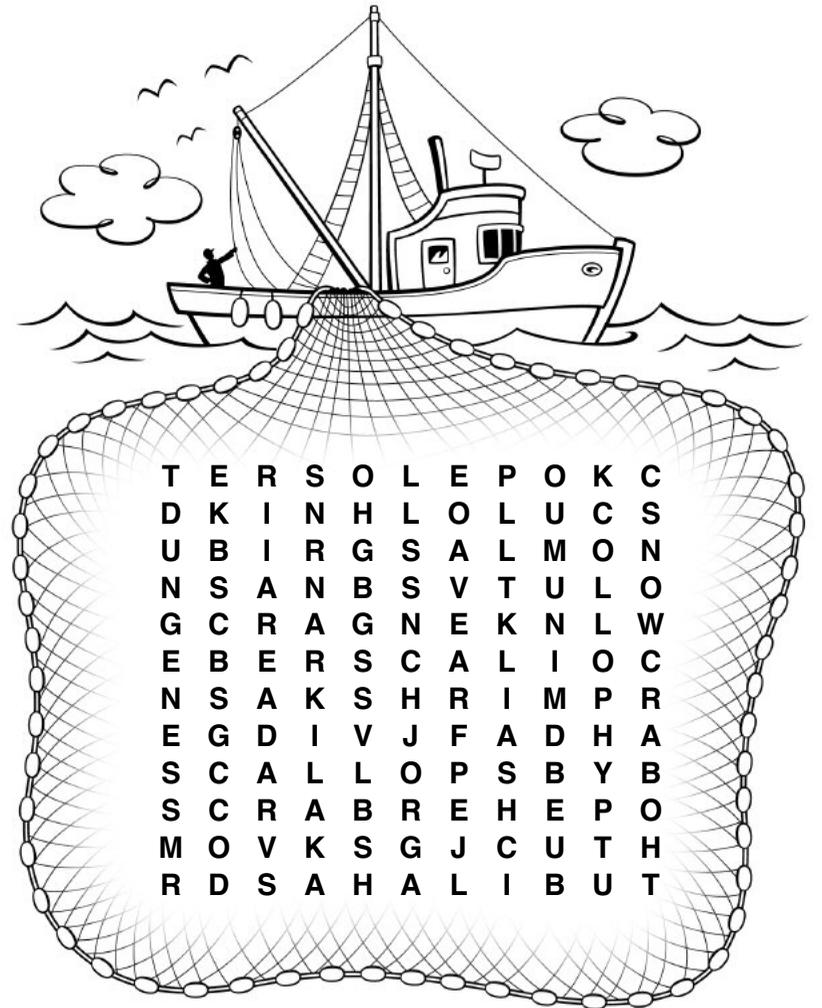
Boat



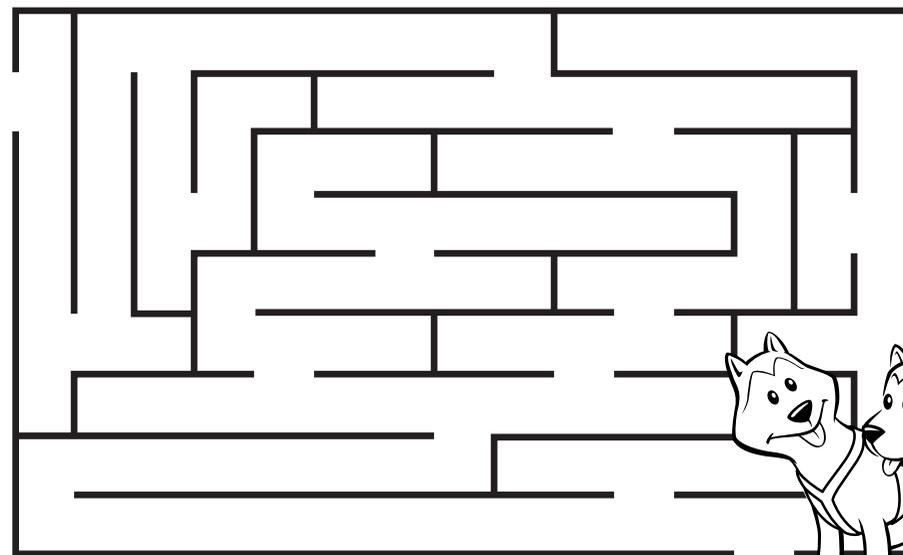
Fill The Fishing Boat

Help Jeff fill his nets by finding the fish in the sea of letters.

- Salmon
- Pollock
- Halibut
- Cod
- Sole
- King Crab
- Scallops
- Dungeness Crab
- Snow Crab
- Shrimp



Musher Maze



Rachel's racing her dog sled to the finish line. How fast can you get her there?



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