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# Alaska Lights



Do you like sunshine? All day long? If so, then you would like Fairbanks, Alaska, in June. The sun shines for almost 24 hours on June 21. The sun rises around 2:00 in the morning. It sets around midnight. And the two hours in between are not very dark.

Six months later, the opposite happens. The day is dark for about 21 hours. Sometimes the northern lights appear. Many colors dance across the sky. They look like waves.

Fairbanks is one cool place to be, in summer or in winter!

# I KNOW THIS!

Read the diary below.

Fill in the blanks with a correct word from the word box.

June 21, 1956

It is the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the year. The sun

\_\_\_\_\_ at two o'clock in the morning. I was still tired!

But the sunshine made it hard to go to \_\_\_\_\_.

Tonight the sun will set at \_\_\_\_\_. It will be night

for only \_\_\_\_\_ hours. A very long day!

December 21, 1956

Today is the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the year. It will be

\_\_\_\_\_ almost all day long. But maybe the beautiful

northern \_\_\_\_\_ will appear. I love the

\_\_\_\_\_ season in Alaska!

**WORD**  
**Box**

dark  
lights  
longest

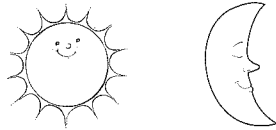
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sleep  
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winter

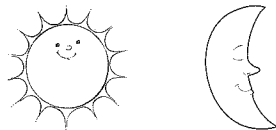
# Day or Night?

You are visiting Fairbanks, Alaska, at the end of **June**. Color the sun or the moon to tell what you would see at each of the times given.

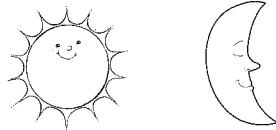
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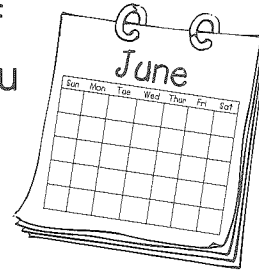
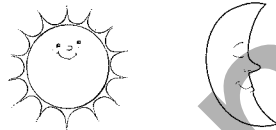
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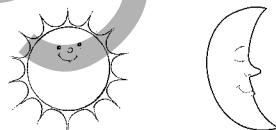


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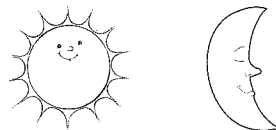


You are visiting Fairbanks, Alaska, around **Christmas**. Color the sun or the moon to tell what you would see at each of the times given.

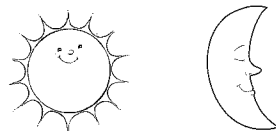
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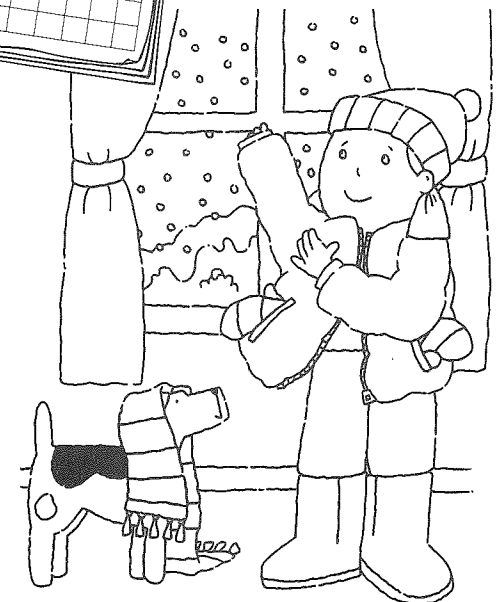
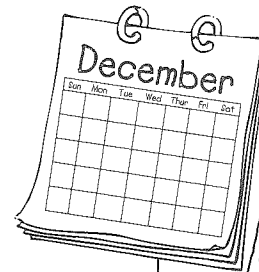
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4:00 p.m.



# Northern Lights

Look at this winter scene.

The northern lights are out!

Use the color guide to color the northern lights.

## Color Key

1 = orange

3 = violet

5 = red

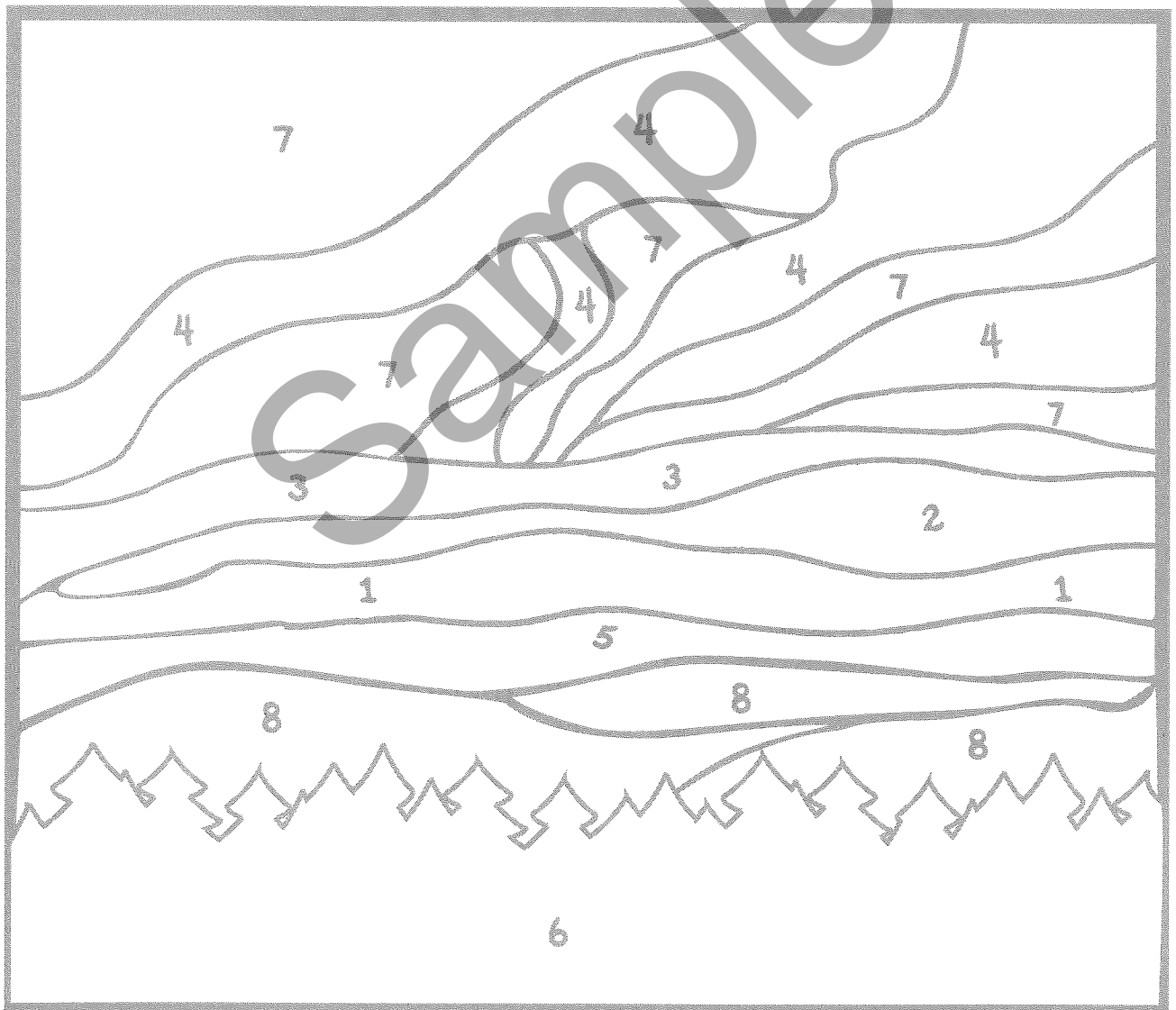
7 = blue

2 = pink

4 = green

6 = black

8 = yellow



# George Washington's WOODEN TEETH



Wooden teeth? Did our first president have a mouth full of wood? People have told this tale for a long time. But it is not true.

George Washington had false teeth. George had two sets of dentures, but they were not wooden. His false teeth were made of many things. There was gold, lead, cow's teeth, human teeth, and hippopotamus ivory. Springs held the top teeth to the bottom teeth. George had to bite down hard to keep his mouth from flying open. It's no wonder he's not smiling on the dollar bill. Say "cheese," George!