



EXPLORE ALASKA'S GEOGRAPHY in the Gallery of Alaska

Welcome to the UA Museum of the North! Geography is an essential part of our research. We study animals and plants around the state and the world. We also study cultures in Alaska and how people use natural resources from their environments. Use this activity sheet to explore the Gallery of Alaska and learn more about our state!

1. At the entrance of the gallery (near the big bear), find the History of Alaska exhibit.
 - a. Who claimed Alaska first? _____
 - b. When did Captain Cook voyage to Alaska? _____
 - c. When did Alaska become a state? _____

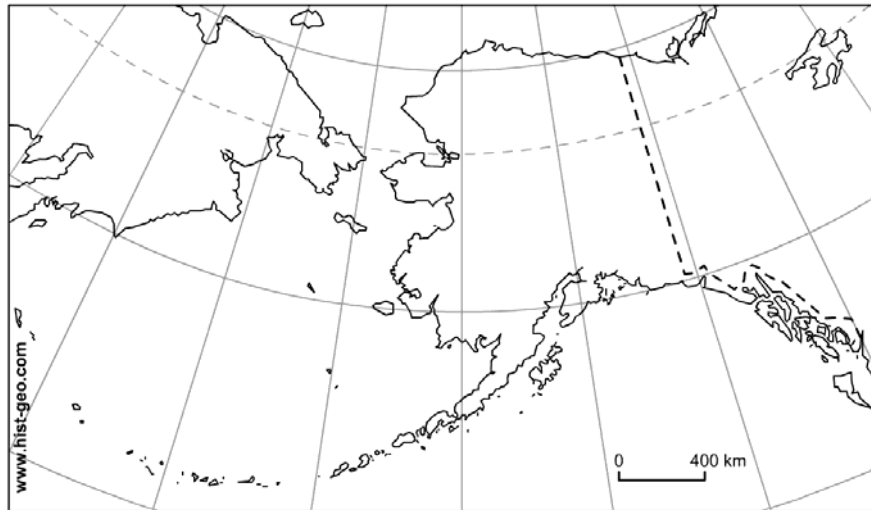
2. Find the map of Native language regions on this wall. Which language region is Fairbanks in? _____

3. The main part of the Gallery of Alaska is divided into five regions. Look up for banners naming regions of the state. List them here:
 - I. _____
 - II. _____
 - III. _____
 - IV. _____
 - V. _____

4. Across from the state fossil (woolly mammoth) there is a large map of Alaska. Find the Alaskan island that is furthest west.
 - a. What is the name of this island? _____
 - b. What is the name of the island group? _____

5. Find a skull from the state marine mammal (bowhead whale).
 - a. How much can these animals weigh? _____
 - b. Where are their wintering grounds? _____

6. Find the polar bear. Draw on the map below where polar bears live in Alaska.



a. Using the other maps in this exhibit, what seal is the polar bears' primary food source? _____

7. Between the real polar bear and the sculpture of a polar bear there is a display called the Boulder Patch. What sea is the Boulder Patch and Prudhoe Bay in?

8. What is the habitat of the arctic fox? _____

9. Which gallery banner would represent the region Fairbanks is in? _____

a. Find a map in this part of the gallery and name two rivers in the region:

b. Find the river otter, pine marten, and wolverine. Which of these animals is the most widespread in the state? _____

c. Find the state land mammal (the moose). What unusual thing in the gallery is made from moose antlers? _____

10. Locate the swans. Opposite the birds is a red map of on the wall. What is the name of the city that is on the railroad line between Anchorage and Seward?

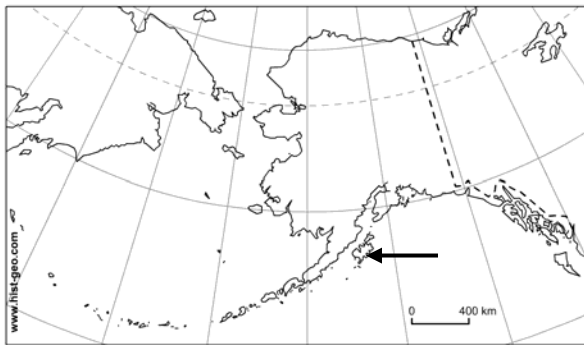
a. What other transportation type services this town? _____

11. In what region of the state do you typically find totem poles? _____

a. What are the Native Alaskans of this region called? _____

12. Look up and find a raven “flying” in the gallery. Is there anywhere in Alaska where ravens are not found? _____

Extra:



The arrow on the map points to Kodiak Island. Find a display showing shapes of kayaks from different parts of Alaska.

Draw the shape of a kayak from Kodiak.

