

BLINK AT HOME

Setting Postcards

Where do books take place?

Skills to Develop

- + Early literacy
- + Verbal communication
- + Written communication

Materials

- + Crayons/markers/colored pencils
- + Thick paper
- + Scissors
- + Book
- + Alaska settings booklist [PDF]

WHAT TO DO

During the Learning Activity

1. Discuss that setting is where a book takes place. Ask: *what is the setting of your favorite book? What other book settings can you think of?*
2. Choose a book from our Alaska settings booklist [PDF] or another book with a detailed setting. While reading, pause to discuss the setting. Ask: *where does this story take place? Is the setting the same through the whole story or do the characters visit different places? Can you find details about the setting in the pictures?*
3. Look at postcards in the Anchorage Museum online collections or investigate postcards you have received. Discuss that postcards are a way to share your travels with friends and family and often show pictures of where you are with a note on the other side.
4. Cut your paper into 4"x6" rectangles. This dimension can be sent USPS using a postcard stamp.
5. Revisit the setting of the book you read. Discuss the setting of the story and ask how they might create a postcard of that setting to send to a friend or family member. Invite them to draw the setting on one side of their postcard.
6. Once they have finished, ask them to describe their artwork. Write their descriptions on the other side of the postcard, leaving space for a stamp and mailing address. Send the postcard to a friend or family member.

Extend the Fun

- + Create postcards showcasing the settings of all your favorite books and keep them in a special place.

BLINK: SETTING POSTCARDS

Alaska settings booklist: Print and use

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- + *Dogteam* by Gary Paulsen
- + *ZIG the Warrior Princess* by Tricia Brown
- + *Berry Magic* by Teri Sloat and Betty Huffmon
- + *Raven Makes the Aleutians* adapted from Alaska Native oral traditions
- + *My Wilderness: An Alaskan Adventure* by Claudia McGehee
- + *Raven and the Tide Lady* adapted from Alaska Native oral traditions
- + *Kitaaq Goes Ice Fishing* by Margaret Nicolai
- + *On Mother's Lap* by Ann Herbert Scott
- + *Patsy Ann of Alaska* by Tricia Brown
- + *The Eye of the Needle* retold by Teri Sloat
- + *The Itchy Little Musk Ox* by Tricia Brown
- + *Charlie and the Blanket Toss* by Tricia Brown
- + *Groucho's Eyebrows: An Alaskan Cat Tale* by Tricia Brown
- + *Togo* by Robert J. Blake
- + *Storm Run* by Libby Riddles
- + *Up on Denali* by Shelley Gill
- + *Akiak: A Tale from the Iditarod* by Robert J. Blake
- + *Painter and Ugly* by Robert J. Blake