

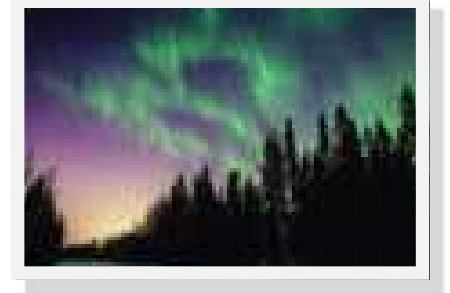
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The Northern Lights



The Northern Lights, are bright lights that can be seen in the sky near the north pole. They are also called the Aurora Borealis.

A French scientist named them Aurora Borealis. He named them after the Roman God of the sunrise, Aurora. He also named them after the Roman God, Boreas. Boreas is the God of the wind. The Northern Lights can be seen from many places near the north pole. One of those places is Alaska. The lights are yellow, green, red and blue. They look like paint smeared across a painting.

The lights are caused by the magnetic pull of the north and south pole. The north and south pole are like enormous magnets. They pull in electrically charged particles. Some of these particles are from the sun. When these particles from the sun crash with the Earth's atmosphere, it makes the northern lights.

The Northern Lights can be seen any time from early April to late August. It is hard to know where to see the lights the best until two hours before they come. They are unpredictable like a thunderstorm. It must be very pretty to see the Northern Lights in Alaska.

1. What is another name for the Northern Lights?

- a. They are also called the Aurora Lights.
- b. They are also called the Aurora Pole.
- c. They are also called the Aurora Borealis.
- d. They are also called the Bright Borealis.

2. What state can you see the Northern Lights?

- a. You can see them in Canada.
- b. You can see them in Alaska.
- c. You can see them in

3. What do the Northern Lights look like? _____



4. What causes the Northern Lights? _____

5. What colors are the lights? _____

6. What time of year can you see the Northern Lights? _____

7. “enormous” means “very great in size”

They live in an enormous house.

Michael Jackson enjoys an enormous popularity.

8. “smear” means “a dirty mark”

There was a smear on the mirror.

What did you smear on the window?

9. “unpredictable” means “not knowing before something happens”

The weather has been unpredictable lately.

Tom is unpredictable. We never know what he will do next.