

# ★ SEWARD'S DAY ★

**LAST MONDAY  
OF MARCH**



**ALASKA STATE  
HOLIDAY**

Seward's Day commemorates the US purchase of Alaska from Russia.

**Use the word bank to complete the facts below.**

The Alaska Purchase \_\_\_\_\_  
was signed on  
March 30, 1867.

The purchase price was  
\$7.2 \_\_\_\_\_ which  
came to \$0.023 per \_\_\_\_\_.

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\_\_\_\_\_ to the  
United States because it  
was too difficult and  
expensive to defend, and  
because they didn't want  
\_\_\_\_\_ to seize it.

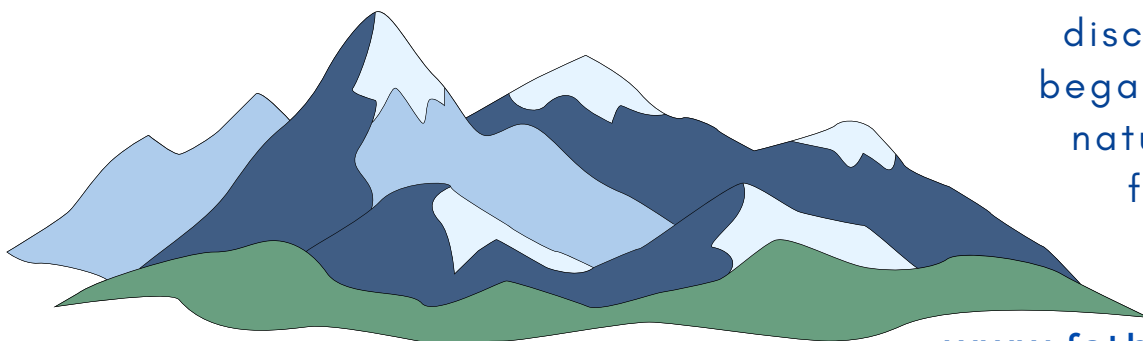
**ACRE**  
**BOUNTY**  
**BRITAIN**  
**FOLLY**  
**GOLD**  
**ICEBOX**  
**MILLION**  
**RUSSIA**  
**SEWARD**  
**TRANSFER**  
**TREATY**  
**TERRITORY**

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The official \_\_\_\_\_ of  
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## ANSWER KEY

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The purchase was negotiated by Secretary of State William Seward.

The official transfer of the territory did not take place until October 18, 1867.

Many thought the purchase was a waste of money, and gave the new territory nicknames like "Seward's Icebox" or "Seward's Folly."

When gold was discovered, the nation began to understand the natural bounty to be found in Alaska.

