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# Newfie Story Starter



A Newfoundland is a large, stocky dog with a long coat. A Newfoundland, or Newfie, can be a solid color, such as black, gray, brown or white with black markings (called a Landseer Newfoundland). Whatever the color, the Newfoundland is a sweet dog known for its gentle temperament and devotion.

The Newfoundland dog, a member of the Working Group, comes from Newfoundland, an island off the coast of Canada. These dogs helped fishermen haul nets out to sea and back to the boat. Once the fishing boat docked, fishermen would load the day's catch into carts. The Newfoundland would then haul these carts to market. Newfoundlands were invaluable on ships as well because they rescued people who had fallen overboard. The Newfoundland has a long, proud history that dates back several centuries.

The Newfoundland has a thick coat that protects him from the elements, especially the cold waters of the North Atlantic, and webbed feet that help him swim.



Can you finish the story below? Read the story and see if you can create and write an ending.  
(You will need an extra sheet of paper.)

Brindy raised his head off his large paws and looked out over the ocean. The sea was calm today, and the surf broke gently over the large rocks that bordered the shoreline. Brindy took a deep breath and smelled the salty air and the strong odor of fish and wet fishing nets.

Brindy was a Newfoundland, a large sweet-natured dog born for swimming and helping fisherman. He was a solid black dog with a long coat that protected him from the cold waters of the North Atlantic. He lived with his owner, Sean Wolfe, on the rocky coast of Newfoundland, Canada. Sean tended a lighthouse along the coast and made sure the lights shone brightly across the sea to guide sailors back home.

Sean was also a fisherman, and on that morning in 1805, he noticed the calm seas too. Calm seas meant good fishing, thought Sean, and he whistled for Brindy. Brindy perked his ears up at the sound of Sean's whistle and trotted toward the lighthouse.



**Ok, now what do you think is going to happen?  
Are Sean and Brindy going fishing? Do you think Sean will catch a lot of fish?  
How will Brindy help him?**

Remember to look at the breed's facts and history above and use them in your story.  
The ending is up to you, so use your imagination and have fun.