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The Inuit of the North

The Inuit live in the far north. This region is called the Arctic. The Arctic stretches for about 64,000 kilometers from the Pacific Ocean on the west to the Atlantic Ocean on the east. On a map, it is the northern part of Canada, which includes Nunavut, (Canada's newest territory) the Northwest Territories, and the Yukon. The Inuit also live in northern Alaska, which is part of the United States. The United States is Canada's southern neighbour.

The Inuit believe that they came to Canada from western Asia. It is thought that they crossed the Bering Strait in boats during the summer and over the ice during the winter. It is also believed that the Inuit originated from Siberia in Asia.

Some Inuit features are, an oval, wide-shaped, tanned, colored face with

high cheekbones. Their hair is straight and black.

In the Arctic, the winters are long, dark and very cold. There is an amazing sight in the northern Arctic sky. It is called the Northern Lights or the "Aurora Borealis". These lights seem to dance and swirl across the sky. They constantly change their shape as they dance, and appear to have a coloured glow about them.

The Inuit call themselves Yupiks, which means "the real people". The Inuit were nomads as they never stayed in one place for very long. Their existence depended on the herds of caribou, seals, whales, and other birds and animals in their environment. The animals, in turn provided them with food, shelter, clothing, weapons, and tools.

The Inuit are simple, friendly, happy people who accept what life brings them. In the past, the Inuit had no

5. Describe what the climate or weather is like in the Arctic.

6. Tell how the Inuit are like nomads.

7. How do the Inuit remember stories about their past?

8. What is another name for Northern Lights?

9. Describe these Northern Lights.

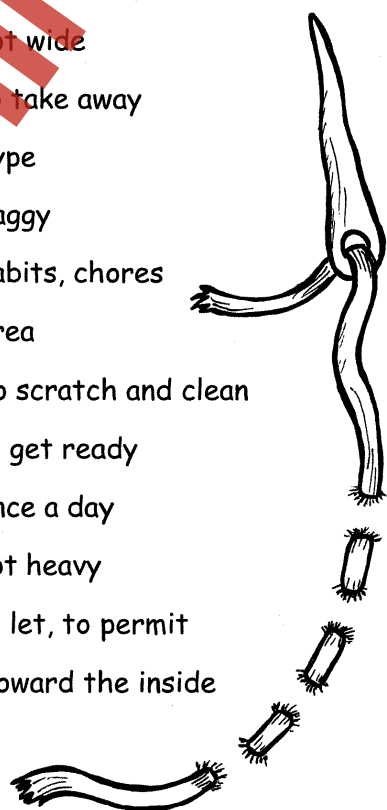
10. How is it believed that the Inuit came to the Arctic?

C. Find 10 words in the story that are action. Do not use Eg. play, eat, and jump Do not use words with suffixes.

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

D. Match the word at the right to its meaning on the left.

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|----------------|--------------------------|
| ___kind | A) to lighten by the sun |
| ___lightweight | B) not wide |
| ___prepare | C) to take away |
| ___scrape | D) type |
| ___allow | E) baggy |
| ___bleached | F) habits, chores |
| ___narrow | G) area |
| ___regions | H) to scratch and clean |
| ___removed | I) to get ready |
| ___entering | J) once a day |
| ___loosely | K) not heavy |
| ___daily | L) to let, to permit |
| ___routines | M) toward the inside |



Activity # 1

Draw an igloo. Your drawing should include:

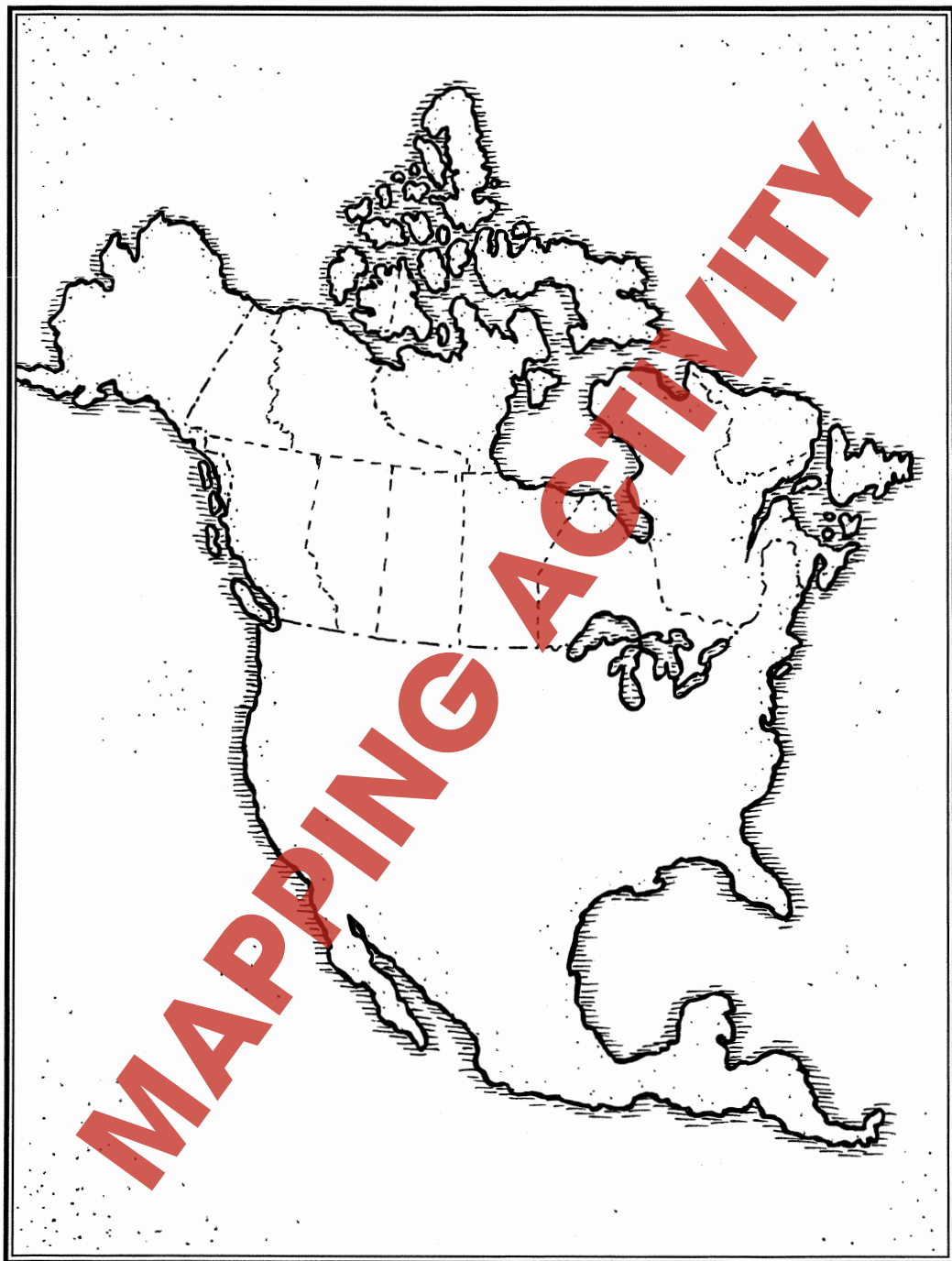
1. A drawing of how the igloo will look like both inside and outside.
2. A labeled floor plan of the inside of the igloo (make sure to include, furniture, etc.).

Activity # 2

Use playdough to create a walrus, seal, or whale hunt. Make sure your creation gives the view of the hunt. The creation should be constructed on a base of wood or heavy cardboard.

Activity # 3

Imagine that you are in an airplane. Write a story of what you would see if you were flying over the Arctic. Include information from the stories.



Word Search

S O Y W A N N I F W L T A T I
 T O G R S O G V O F W C I S J
 O R A O O L G A A B A U W D U
 R T K P O V R D L R N C M J J
 Q Q R O S D I U I I C W H S T
 L A A Z N T B B K T C T O S P
 H D P U R B O S B V R H I S D
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 T S O R F A M R E P E E X N S
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 V Y J S M E U H S K K L D F K
 A K V W O Y L N C A C S K E Y
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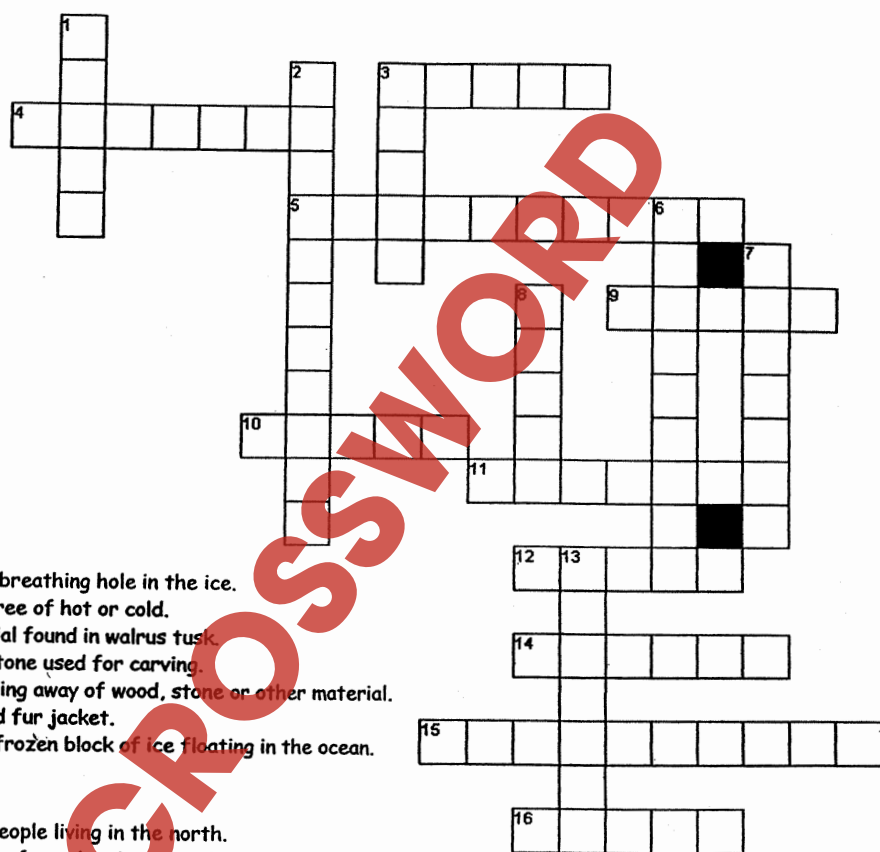
AGLOO
 CARIBOU
 INUIT
 LEGENDS
 PARKA
 SHAMAN
 TREELINE

ARCTIC
 HARPOON
 IVORY
 LICHEN
 PERMAFROST
 SINEW
 TUNDRA

BLUBBER
 IGLOO
 KAYAK
 NUNAVUT
 SEALSKINS
 SOAPSTONE
 ULET

Cross Word Puzzle

The Inuit



Down

1. A seal's breathing hole in the ice.
2. The degree of hot or cold.
3. A material found in walrus tusk.
6. A soft stone used for carving.
7. The cutting away of wood, stone or other material.
8. A hooded fur jacket.
13. A large frozen block of ice floating in the ocean.

Across

3. Eskimo people living in the north.
4. The type of weather in a certain area.
5. When the ground is frozen all year round.
9. A small one or two man boat made from skins over a frame.
10. Arctic dogs used to pull sleds.
11. A long, spear-shaped tool for hunting.
12. Narrow strips of leather used for sewing.
14. A story that comes from the past.
15. Unable to get wet.
16. A dome-shaped home made from blocks of snow.

Inuit Quiz

Fill in the blanks with the correct answer.

1. The _____ Strait separates North America and Asia.
2. _____ is Canada's newest territory.
3. _____ are people who move from place to place.
4. The _____ is the amazing dancing lights in the northern sky.
5. The _____ Ocean is on the east coast and the _____ Ocean is on the west coast of Canada.
6. Animal skins provided the Inuit with _____, _____, and _____.
7. To remember their _____, the Inuit told stories.
8. _____ is a flowerless plant that grows in the Arctic.
9. _____ are floating mountains of ice on the water.
10. The _____ is an imaginary line where no trees grow north of this line.

D. Put the following words into ABC order:

language	northern	Pacific	clothing
seal	nomads	disappear	Canada
legends	symbols	stretch	straight

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| 1. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

E. Write the root or base word for each of the following:

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| 1. depended _____ | 2. existence _____ |
| 3. northern _____ | 4. unacceptable _____ |
| 5. originated _____ | 6. stretching _____ |
| 7. swirled _____ | 8. believing _____ |
| 9. straighten _____ | 10. lightning _____ |



Answer Key:

uit of the North

(answers will vary)

nuktituk
 symbols and letters
 They accepted what life brought them.
 Alaska, Yukon, NWT, and Nunavut
 Cold with long, dark days
 They never stay in one place for very long.
 through the storytelling of their legends.
 aurora Borealis
 They are lights that dance, swirl, change their shape, and have a colored glow and can be seen cross the sky.
 They crossed the Bering Strait from Asia

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| 1. real | 2. remember |
| 3. far | 4. happy |
| 5. straight | 6. northern |
| 7. winters | 8. written |
| 9. high | 10. black |

- that they came to Canada from Asia
- with food, shelter, clothing, weapons, and tools
- the United States
- In the Arctic

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Canada | 7. northern |
| 2. clothing | 8. Pacific |
| 3. disappear | 9. seal |
| 4. language | 10. straight |
| 5. legends | 11. stretch |

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| 6. nomads | 12. symbols |
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| 1. depend | 2. exist |
| 3. north | 4. accept |
| 5. origin | 6. stretch |
| 7. swirl | 8. believe |
| 9. straight | 10. light |

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| 1. Nunavut | 6. nomads |
| 2. originated | 7. provided |
| 3. region | 8. depended |
| 4. amazing | 9. accept |
| 5. language | 10. believed |

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- G. Answers will vary.

The Land

p. 13 (answers will vary)

- A.
- Icebergs are large pieces of ice floating in the ocean.
 - The icebergs got into the ocean by breaking of large sheets of ice on the land. (answers may vary)
 - The ground in frozen most of the year.
 - Grasslands and forests are found in the southern parts of the Arctic.
 - The treeline is an imaginary line in the northern Arctic where no trees grow north of this line.
 - A flowerless plant that looks like moss. It grows on bark and rock.
 - The wildlife eat the lichen.
 - walrus, whales, seal ,herring, pike, salmon,

ANSWER KEY