

The Native Canadians: the Inuits



The Inuit people are Native Canadians. They are Eskimos who live in the far northern areas of Canada. A member of the Inuit community is called an Inuk.

An igloo is an Inuit's home. It is made of snow and ice for the winter and from animal skin for the summer.

They use furs from animals like caribou, polar bears, rabbits, foxes and seal skin to make shirts, pants, boots called kamik, hats and big jackets called anoraks.

They mostly live off meat from hunting animals. They hunt seals, walruses and the bowhead whale with harpoons. They also eat fish and wild berries.

They travel long distances on land and ice sleighs called qamutik, drawn by husky dogs called mushers.

What do you understand about the Inuit people?

(who are they? house? clothing? food? transportation?)

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What do you think about their way of life?

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Would you like to experience life in an Inuit community? Explain.

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