

Inuksuk

The minute (video) takes place in 1931, after the Inuit have had several years of contact with Canadians of European ancestry. In fact, it uses the contact between the Inuit family and the RCMP officer as the means of explaining the custom of building the Inuksuk.

- 1) From reading the story and watching the Minute (video) what are some of the most obvious differences between traditional Inuit life and the way most of us in “southern Canada” live?

- 2) Imagine what the impact of new technologies might be upon people living the traditional life. What might occur if they received snowmobiles? Televisions? Prefabricated houses? Frozen food?

- 3) Is it possible to preserve important traditions under the impact of modernization? Explain.

- 4) What might the Inuit people do to keep the best of their ancestral customs and beliefs, while still benefitting from what the modern world has to offer?

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- 5) **Nunavut** is the name of the Inuit homeland that became a Canadian territory in 1999. What might this recognition of Inuit self-government contribute to the preservation of their cultural identity?

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