

INUIT MYTHS AND LEGENDS

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DESCRIBE YOUR PROJECT:

MY PROJECT IS ABOUT INUIT MYTHS AND LEGEDNS. THE INUIT PEOPLE AND ELDERS TELL US STORIES ABOUT HOW IT USE TO BE LONG AGO. THEY TELL US STOIRES AND MYTHS TO PROTECT US.

RESOURCES: HOW DID YOU FIND YOUR INFORMATION?

I FOUND MY RESEARCH ON THE INTERNET, BOOKS AND TALKING WITH ELDERS.

WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT AS A RESULT OF YOUR RESEARCH?

I FOUND OUT THAT THERE WERE MANY NYTHS AND LEGENDS TOLD BY OUR ELDERS TO PROTECT US ON THE LAND AND TO LET US KNOW HOW THINGS HAPPEN.

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS LEGEND TELLS US THAT WHEN WE LOOK AT THEM AND WHISTLE THEY WILL CUT OFF OUR HEADS AND PLAY WITH IT LIKE A BALL.

DESCRIBE YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE PROJECT AND WHY YOU CHOSE IT.

I CHOSE INUIT MYTHS AND LEGENDS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MYTHS THAT OUR ELDERS TOLD US. I ALSO LIKE TO LISTEN AND LEARN ABOUT THE STORIES THAT ARE TOLD TO US



What are Myths & Legends?

Myths and legends are folklore tales and stories our elders tell us to protect and keep us safe.

Qallupilluit Legend

This legend tells children that the qallupilluit is a mythical creature, which takes kids from the shore and places them in its amauti. When the child is in the amauti we turn in to a mermaid or we might die.

The Moon Legend

Anningan is the name of the moon god of some of the Inuit people that live in Greenland. The word Inuit means “people”.

The legend says that Anningan continually chases his sister Malina, the sun goddess across the sky. During this chase, he forgets to eat and he gets much thinner. To satisfy his hunger, he disappears for three days each month (new moon) and then returns full (gibbous) to chase his sister all over again. Malina wants to stay far away from her bad brother. That is why the sun and moon rise at different times. (1999 New Horizons for Learning)

Northern Lights Legend



Inuit people know all about the aurora phenomena. Northern lights are often called the aurora borealis.

A common belief among the Inuit is that whistling to it can attract the northern lights. When an Inuit person is whistling at the northern lights, they will swoop down and cut off your head to bounce it like a ball.

The Mahaha Legend

Mahaha, the tickler, is a beast that tickles us until we can't breathe, and then we die. Our parents tell us to stay away from the land when we are alone. When we wander out by ourselves we might see the Mahaha appear and then he will tickle us with his long claw like nails.