

INUIT TOOLS AND WEAPONS

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DESCRIBE YOUR PROJECT:

MY PROJECT IS ABOUT INUIT TOOLS AND WEAPONS. THE INUIT USED MANY TOOLS AND WEAPONS TO HELP WITH SURVIVING ON THE LAND. THEY ALSO USED WEAPONS LIKE THE HARPOON TO HUNT WITH AND CATCH FOOD FOR THE FAMILY.

RESOURCES: HOW DID YOU FIND YOUR INFORMATION?

I FOUND MY RESEARCH ON THE INTERNET, BOOKS AND TALKING WITH ELDERS. I MADE MY OWN ULU, A WOMAN'S TOOL TO SCRAPE SKIN. THERE ARE PICTURES OF MY PROJECT WITH ME AND MY ULU.

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

I FOUND OUT THAT THE INUIT WOMEN USE AN ULU AS A TOOL FOR SCRAPING AND SKINNING ANIMALS. THEY EVEN USE IT TODAY TO CLEAN. I ALSO LEARNED THAT MEN HUNT WITH HARPOONS AND KAKIVAKS.

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

I CHOSE THIS TOPIC, TOLLS AND WEAPONS, SO THAT I COULD LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DIFFERENT KINDS INUIT USE TO SURVIVE ON THE LAND. I LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE INUIT CUKTURE FROM ELDERS.

Inuit Tools & Weapons



The Inuit used all different kinds of tools. They used them for hunting, for transportation, for games, and other things they needed.

Bow Drill

A bow drill was used for carving. The men carved combs, beads, thimble holders and bottle shaped needle cases. The needles looked the same as our needles but they were carved of stoned.

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Harpoons

The Inuit use harpoons to hunt animals in the arctic, which include seals and whales. A harpoon was used to hunt the sea mammals like whales, seals, and walrus. This weapon was made of a blade of bone, stone, or iron, a harpoon head and fore shaft of ivory or antler, a long shaft and a sturdy line. The men hunted these animals by kayak during open water and on foot in the winter and spring.

Kakivak

The kakivak was used for fishing. The men would spear the fish while they are in shallow water.



Thule Adaptation

The Thule adaptation to the Arctic was great. The hunters could kill huge whales that would feed a small community for a year.

Umiaks

They used umiaks to take bowhead whales. They preserved the blubber, meat and baleen.

Inuit Houses

The Inuit houses, which were clustered in groups of 6 to 30, were deep pits lined with massive boulders and whalebones.