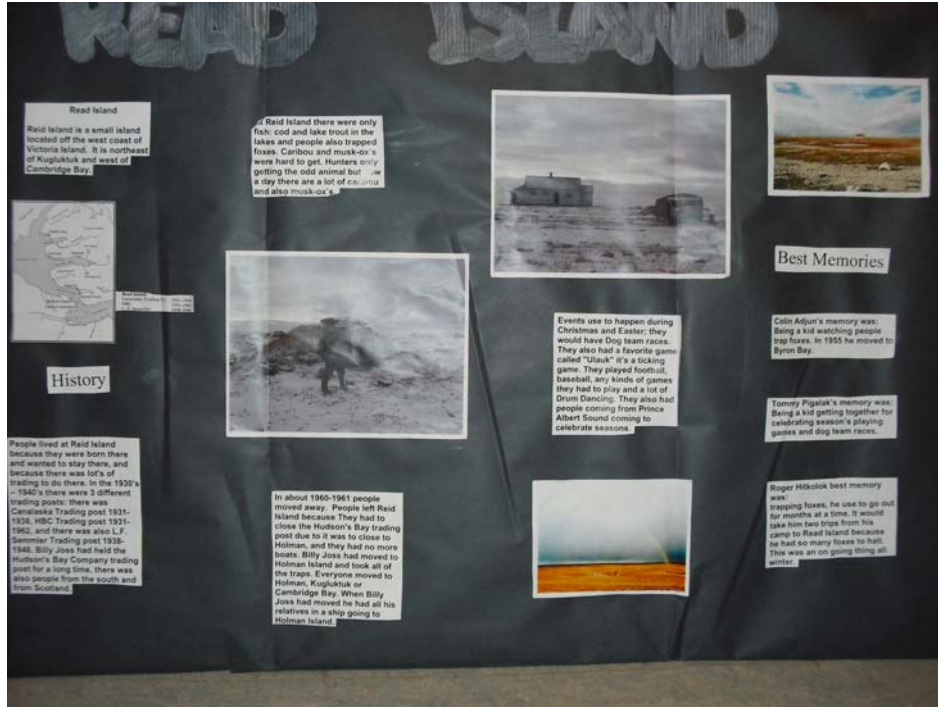


WRITTEN SUMMARY



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Grade: 7

PROJECT NAME: Read Island

DESCRIBE YOUR PROJECT:

Read Island was an outpost camp that closed down in the 1960's. We did research on what life was like there and why people moved away.

RESOURCES: HOW DID YOU FIND YOUR INFORMATION?

We interviewed three elders who grew up there including our grandfathers. We all got some information from the internet.

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

That there were three different trading posts in the 30's and 40's. People left because HBC closed down because it was too close to Holman, and the last bout broke down so people moved to Kugluktuk, Holman or Cambridge Bay.



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

We both have family who used to live there and we wanted to learn more about it.

Read Island

Reid Island is a small island located off the west coast of Victoria Island. It is northeast of Kugluktuk and west of Cambridge Bay.

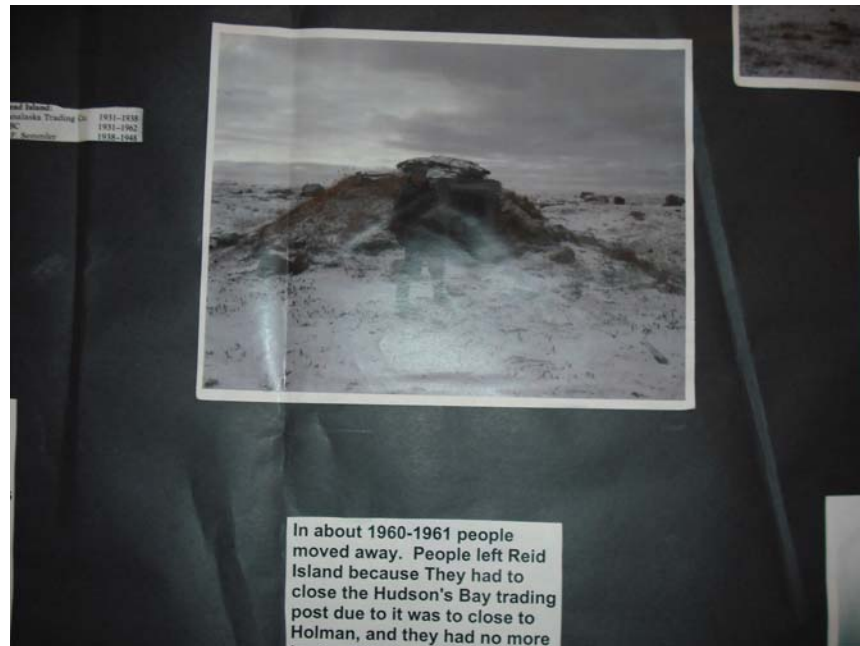
People lived at Reid Island because they were born there and wanted to stay there, and because there was lot's of trading to do there. In the 1930's – 1940's there were 3 different trading posts: there was Canalaska Trading post 1931-1938, HBC Trading post 1931-1962, and there was also L.F. Semmler Trading post 1938-1948. Billy Joss had held the Hudson's Bay Company trading post for a long time, there was also people from the south and from Scotland.



It was good hunting and fishing area.

At Reid Island there were only fish: cod and lake trout in the lakes and people also trapped foxes. Caribou and muck-ox's were hard to get. Hunters only getting the odd animal but now a day there are a lot of caribou and also musk-ox's.

Events use to happen during Christmas and Easter; they would have Dog team races. They also had a favorite game called "Ulauk" it's a ticking game. They played football, baseball, any kinds of games they had to play and a lot of Drum Dancing. They also had people coming from Prince Albert Sound coming to celebrate seasons.



Plenty of people have the best memories of Reid Island examples:

Roger Hitkolok best memory was: trapping foxes, he use to go out for months at a time. It would take him two trips from his camp to Read Island because he had so many he had so many foxes to hall. This was an on going thing all winter.

Colin Adjun's memory was:

Being a kid watching people trap foxes. In 1955 he moved to Byron Bay.

Tommy Pigalak's memory was:

Being a kid getting together for celebrating season's playing games and dog team races.

In about 1960-1961 people moved away. People left Reid Island because they had to close the Hudson's Bay trading post due to it was too close to Holman, and they had no more boats. Billy Joss had moved to Holman Island and took all of the traps. Everyone moved to Holman, Kugluktuk or Cambridge Bay. When Billy Joss had moved he had all his relatives in a ship going to Holman Island.