

First Peoples and Canada Level 1

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Human-Environment Interactions



 [Find the Robert J. Flahery Collection.](#)

Inuit have thrived in the extreme environmental conditions of the Arctic for thousands of years due to their responses to the challenges and opportunities presented by their environment.

List two methods of transport used by the Inuit, and why they are well adapted to the Arctic environment.

Inuit have relied primarily on animal derived sources for all their basic needs. Inuit are extremely resourceful and used virtually every part of an animal to make a huge variety of important goods and tools.

Find and list three items that meet a basic need, and what they are made from (be very specific).

Clothing is vital to survival in the Arctic, but also has important cultural and spiritual roles. Within Inuit culture, skin garments are a visual communication system between humans and animals. Beautiful fur clothing demonstrates respect towards the animal that gave its life to the hunter, and ensures successful hunting.

 The Copper Inuit are reported to leave the caribou ears on the hoods of men's parkas to aid them in hunting by symbolically transferring the caribou's acute hearing to the hunter.

 [See if you can spot them!](#)

Space and Place



 [Find the Edmund Morris Collection.](#)

Edmund Morris (1871-1913) was an artist and collector who recorded the last generation of nomadic indigenous nations of Canadian Plains. During Morris' time in the Plains, settlement patterns of the indigenous populations went through significant changes.

Using this collection, describe some changes that occurred to one of these Plains' nations. What factors led to this change?

Find evidence of contact between the Plains nations and Europeans.

Social Institutions



Social institutions create social order and cooperation, governing the behaviour of a set of individuals.

 Like today, the media of the 1930s plays an important role in reflecting and shaping social attitudes.

Examine these illustrations, what can you say about the idealized social identities of middle-class women?

 [Find the Rex Woods magazine illustrations .](#)

There are considered to be five main categories of social institutions: education, government, family, economy and religion.

How would this impact their participation in various social institutions?
