

CLIMATE CHANGE COLLECTION SCORECARD

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Name of resource: Inuit Observations on Climate Change

Sponsoring Organization: International Institute for Sustainable Development (iisd)

URL: http://www.iisd.org/casl/projects/inuitobs.htm

Site Homepage:

http://academic.bowdoin.edu/arcticmuseum/exhibits/html/ancienticeinteractives/contemptest.shtml

RESOURCE WITHIN A SITE? **Y** / N

FOUND THROUGH DLESE? Y / **N**

RECOMMENDATION YES YES WITH RESERVATIONS NO

STARS 1 2 3 4 5 (LAME TO STELLAR)

NARRATIVE (USE OTHER SIDE IF NEEDED)

INTENDED USE

REFERENCE

COMPUTER ACTIVITY

NON-COMPUTER ACTIVITY

EDUCATOR, LEARNER OR BOTH (CIRCLE)

BEGINNER OR ADVANCED (CIRCLE)

BUGS & TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES (PROBLEMATIC TO ROBUST)

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COMMENTS The site listed here has no problems. However, the teacher's guide and lesson does require the use/purchase of a video. With a high speed connection and the latest RealPlayer (free download available), you can access the video via computer and then project the movie. Quality of the movie is not the greatest using the free (basic) version of RealPlayer. You can purchase a professional version of RealPlayer that should allow you to download and play a higher quality video.

FACTUAL ERRORS/OMISSIONS (NATIONAL ENQUIRER TO NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC)

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COMMENTS This is an National Geographic Site. It is looking at climate change based on observations/interviews of the Inuit people and looking at climate change from the Inuit values and perspectives not traditional western scientific approaches.

PEDAGOGICAL INFORMATION

REFERENCE ONLY

TEACHER GUIDE

MATERIALS LIST

ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES

TIMEFRAME PROVIDED

STANDARDS ALIGNMENT

PROMOTES STUDENT LEARNING (WEAK TO STRONG)

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COMMENTS: This site gives a unique perspective of climate change. The science is Inuit science not western science as we think of it. However, it does give an accurate state of affairs as to what is happening on Banks Island in Canada's High Arctic.

APPROPRIATE/EFFECTIVE MULTIMEDIA DESIGN (WEAK TO STRONG)

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COMMENTS Use of down loadable video some what limits accessibility to those who have high speed connections and DVR capabilities. However, you can download the professional version of RealPlayer for a 14 day free trial which

would allow you to download the 42 minute video for free if you had storage capacity, a DVR, and computer projection system that would allow you to use the video with the class. I am sure you can probably purchase the video outright; however, I did not remember seeing this available.

VISUAL APPEAL (WEAK TO STRONG)

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COMMENTS Video quality is of primary importance to get the full impact of the Inuit story of climate change.

TEACHING TIPS: ANNOTATION DESCRIBING HOW SITE COULD BE USED OR ADAPTED FOR CLASSROOM

There is a wealth of information at this site and is very well thought out. This would be a great interdisciplinary activity/unit especially due to its large volume of activities. It fits well with a study of Canada.

RECOMMENDATION: ANNOTATION DESCRIBING HOW THE DEVELOPER COULD IMPROVE THE SITE.