

## EXPLORING INUIT ART AND CULTURE: PUBLIC VIDEO RESOURCES

### **National Film Board of Canada-** <https://www.nfb.ca>

“Please note that some of those are archival films that make use of the word “Eskimo,” an outdated and offensive term. While the origin of the word is a matter of some contention, it is no longer used in Canada. The term was formally rejected by the Inuit Circumpolar Council in 1980 and has subsequently not been in use at the NFB for decades. These films are therefore a time-capsule of a bygone era, presented in its original version. The NFB apologizes for the offense caused.”

### [Artist: Kenojuak-](#) by [John Feeney](#), 1963, 19 min

This documentary shows how an Inuit artist's drawings are transferred to stone, printed and sold. Kenojuak Ashevak became the first woman involved with the printmaking co-operative in Kinngait (Cape Dorset). This film was nominated for the 1963 Documentary Short Subject Oscar®.

### [The Living Stone-](#) by [John Feeney](#), 1953, 35 min

This documentary shows the inspiration behind Inuit sculpture. The Inuit approach to the work is to release the image the artist sees imprisoned in the rough stone. The film centers on an old legend about the carving of the image of a sea spirit to bring food to a hungry camp.

### [Arts and Crafts-](#) by [Laura Boulton](#), 1943, 18 min

A documentary about the Inuit art of Baffin Island. The film illustrates traditional leatherwork and carving, and the construction of a kayak.

### [I Can Make Art ... Like Andrew Qappik-](#) by [Jane Churchill](#), 2005, 11 min

This short documentary is a portrait of Andrew Qappik, a world-renowned Inuit printmaker from Pangnirtung, Nunavut. Originally inspired by images in the comic books he read as a child, Andrew now finds his subjects in the stories, traditions and day-to-day events of his world.

In *I Can Make Art Like Andrew Qappik*, he captivates his student audience by creating a soapstone relief print before their very eyes. Then it's the kids' turn. They explore Andrew's symbolic imagery - and their own - as they each create a self-portrait relief point.

**CBC Arts**- <https://www.cbc.ca/arts/about-cbc-arts-1.3062163>

[This young stone carver can't remember ever not loving art](#)- 4:01 min David Pudlat shares his love of creating and tells us about carving an inukshuk out of Nunavut's serpentine rock.

**BBC Earth**- <http://www.bbcearth.com>

[Building My First Igloo](#)- 2:59 min excerpt from the movie "A Boy among Polar Bears".

Young boy learns how to survive by watching his father and grandfather. Watch here as he attempts to make his first igloo.

[Sharing Stories](#)- 2:17 min excerpt from the movie "A Boy among Polar Bears"- BBC Earth

From the wonderful BBC documentary, A Boy Among Polar Bears, this video clip shares Inuit ancient traditions. These include soapstone carving, handed down generation to generation as a way of keeping Inuit stories and survival techniques alive.

**Canadian Premier League Awards-**

<https://canpl.ca/article/2019-canadian-premier-league-awards-fact-sheet>

["From Stone"](#) - by [Adrijan Assoufi](#) 10:50 min short film

This short movie takes you on an epic journey to Kinngait (Cape Dorset), Nunavut, deep within Canada's most northern region, sharing stunning visuals and powerful storytelling around the carvers who created unique Canadian Premier Soccer League Awards from soapstone.

**Portage College**- <https://www.portagecollege.ca>

[Inuit Art: Soapstone Carving](#)- 2:01 min video by Portage College

Inuit art refers to handmade native artwork made by Inuit People. Inuit carvings are made from soapstone, serpentine, and animal bones such as whales.

**Al Jazeera English**- <https://www.aljazeera.com>

[Arctic art: Canada's Inuit people sculptures tell unique stories](#)- 2:30 min video by Al Jazeera English

Native Inuit people living in the Canadian Arctic have traditionally survived by hunting whales, seals and polar bears. But as their way of life has changed dramatically, some have turned to art to make a living. Al Jazeera's Daniel Lak visited the community of Joe Haven - where sculptures, paintings and tapestries are telling the world about their unique frozen landscape.