



NUNAVUT



Fact Sheet

Test your knowledge! See if you can fill in the blanks below.

1. Nunavut is Canada's _____ .
2. The capital city of Nunavut is _____ .
3. Nunavut's official bird is the _____ .
4. Nunavut's official flower is the _____
_____ .



Iqaluit

Purple

Northmost

Ptarmigan

Rock

Saxifrage

Territory

Mapping Nunavut

Label the capital city of the territory. Next, research Nunavut's topography and colour the map accordingly!



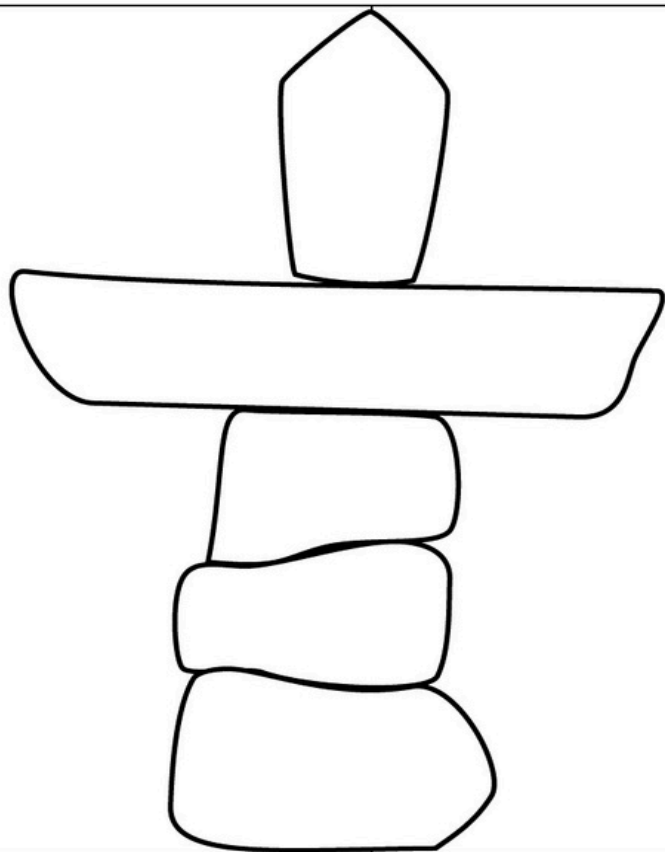
Fly the Flag



The official flag of Nunavut was introduced 1 April, 1999. The flag's key features include:

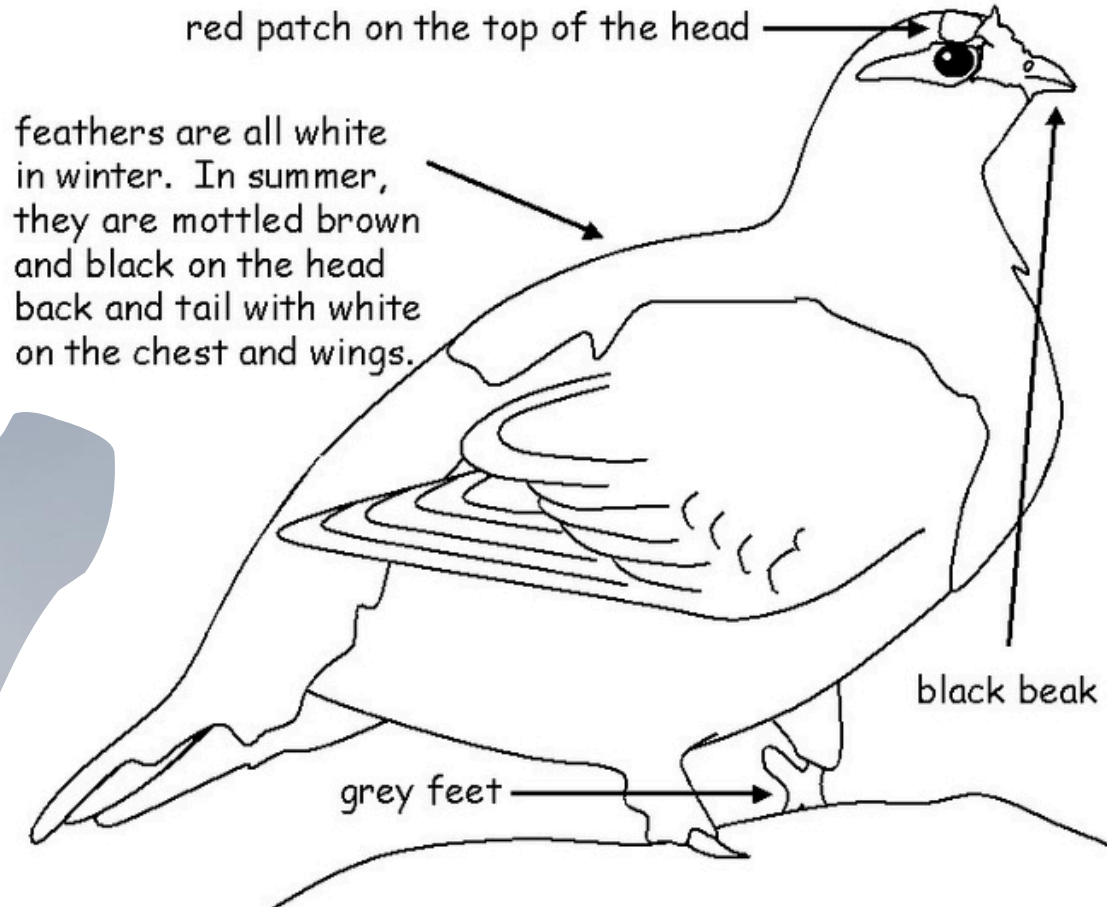
- Red Inuksuk (Inuit land mark)
- Blue star: represents the Niqirtsuituq, the North Star, and leadership of elders in the community
- Blue and gold: represents the "riches of land, sea, and sky"
- Red: represents Canada as a whole

Your turn! Recreate Nunavut's official flag, using the flag above to guide you.



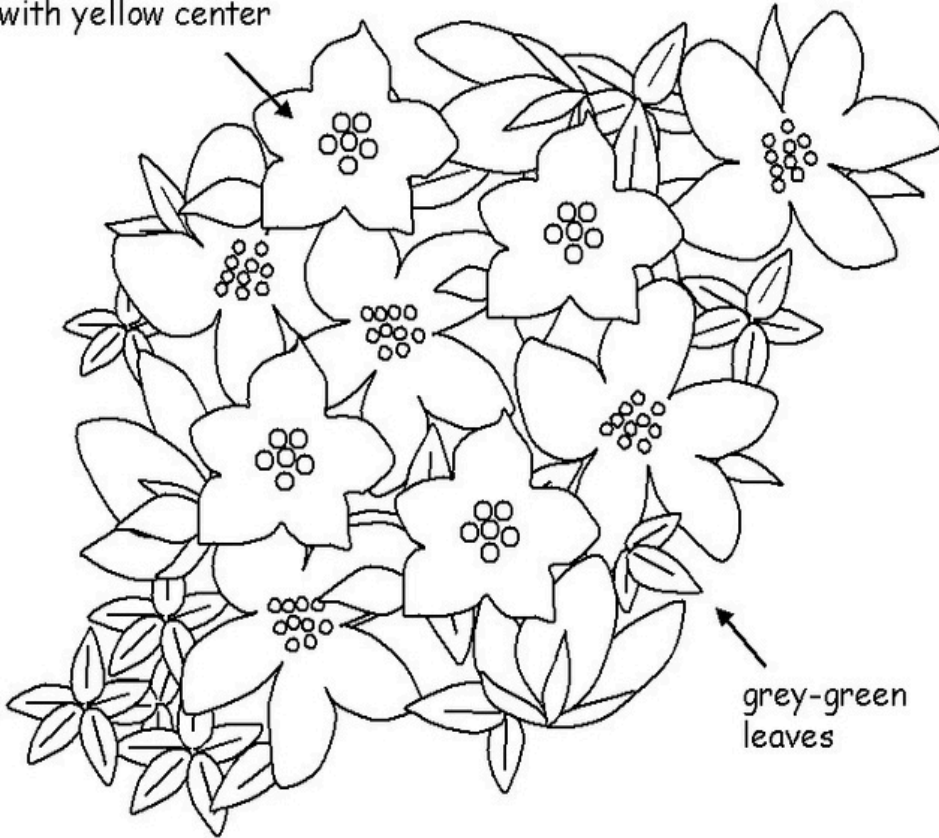
Provincial Fauna

The official bird of Nunavut is the Rock Ptarmigan.



Provincial Flora

pink or purple petals
with yellow center



grey-green
leaves

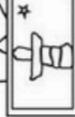


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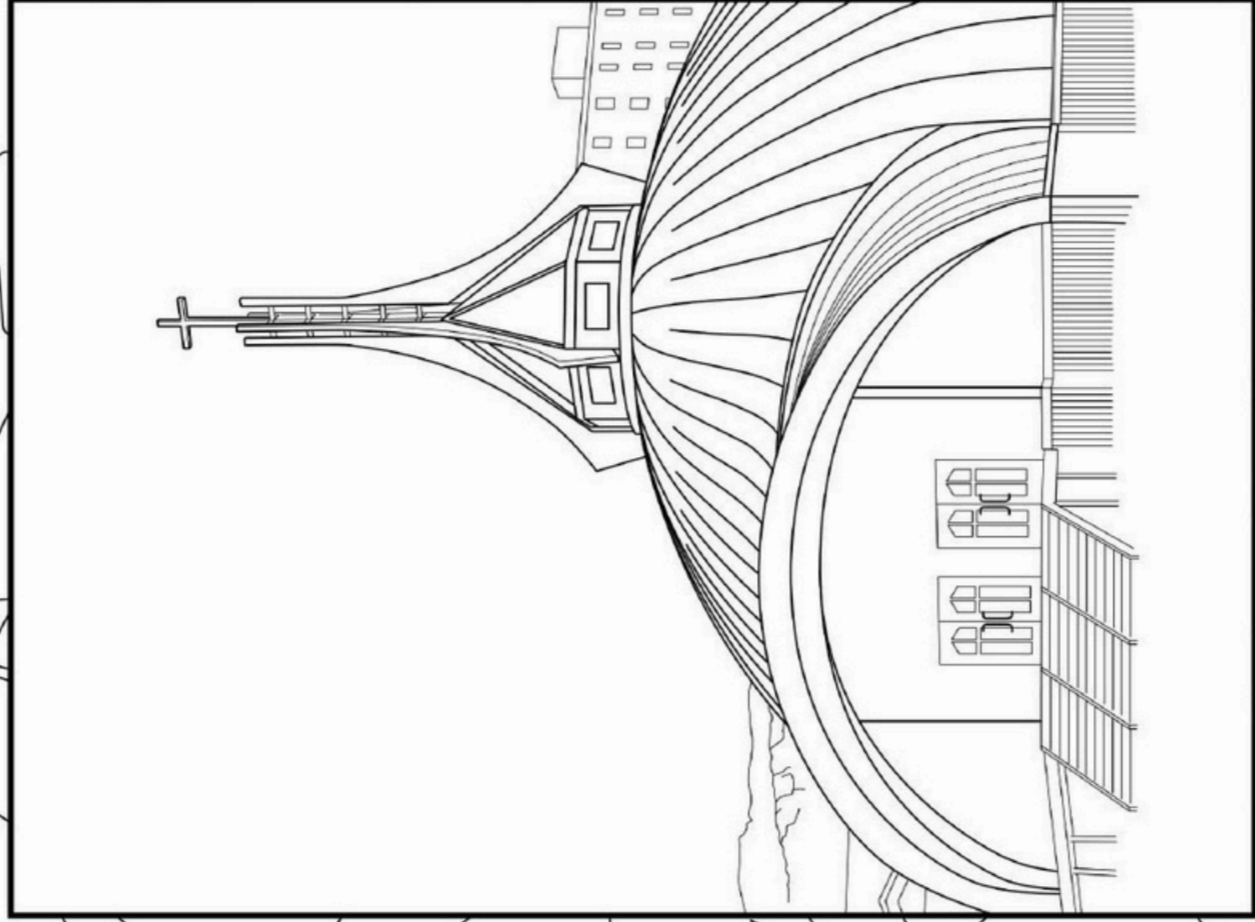
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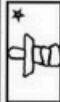
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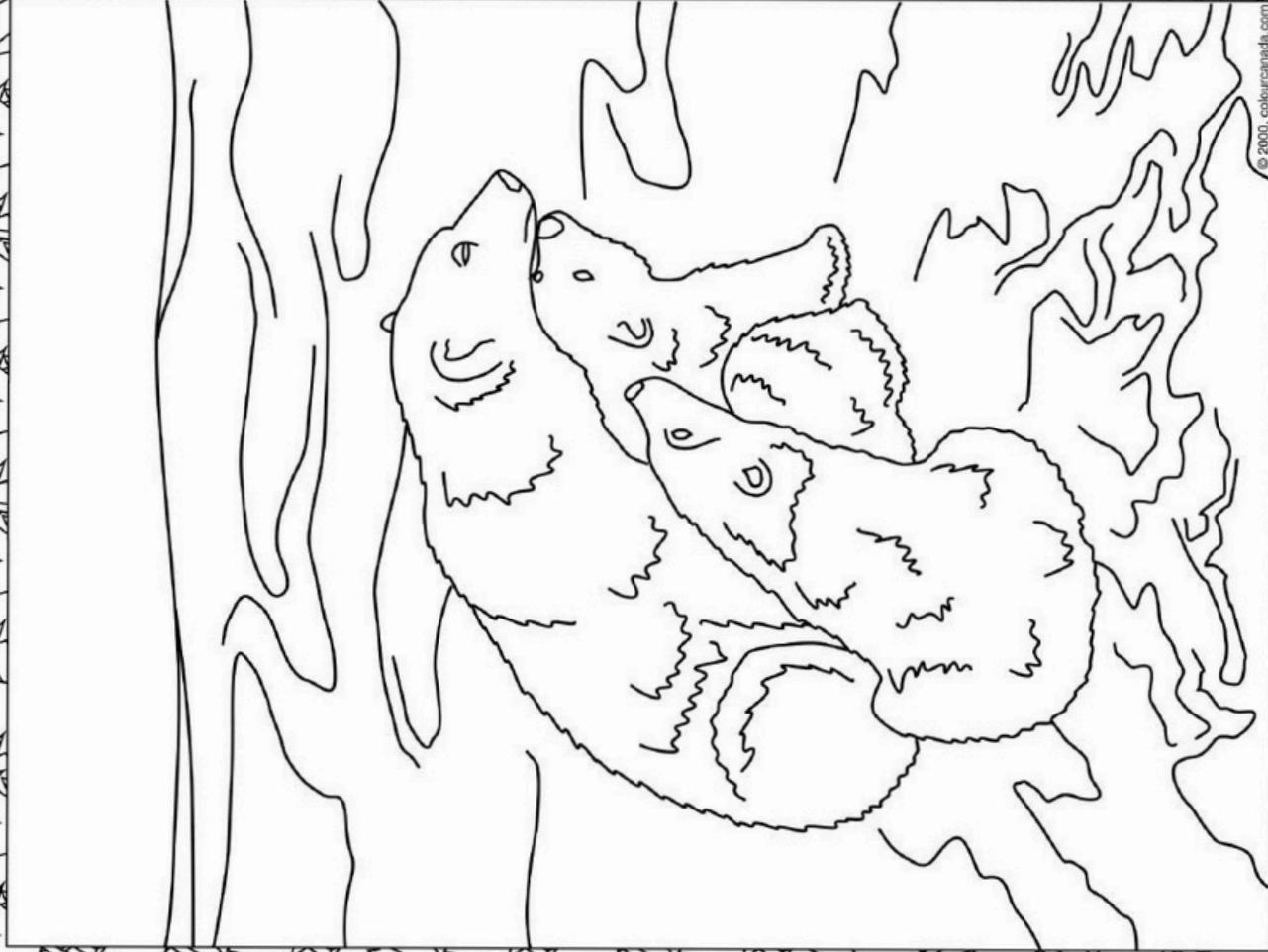


St. Jude's Cathedral in Iqaluit, Nunavut was finished in June 2012 and replaced the original building that was destroyed by fire. What makes this a great architectural design is the fact that it looks like an igloo, a traditional dwelling in the north.





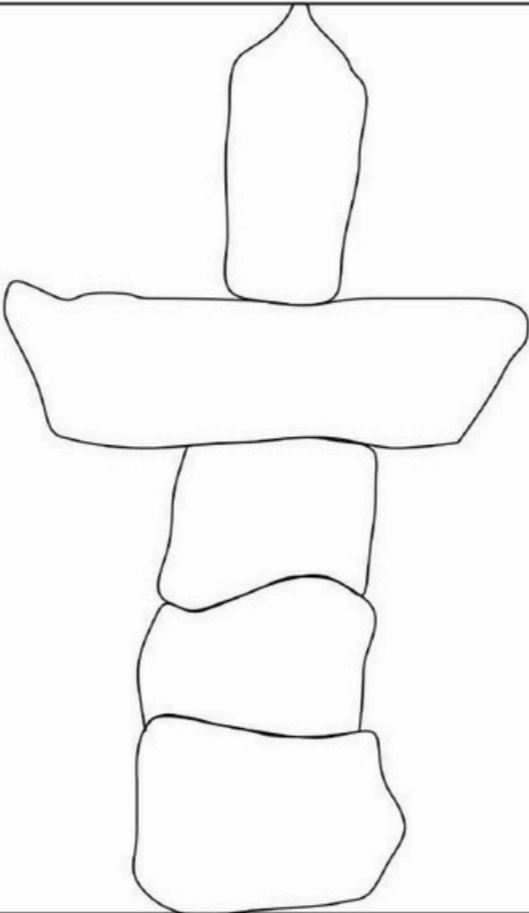
Polar Bears: Found in all of the polar regions of the entire northern hemisphere including Canada. Their preferred habitat is in the area where the northern seas meet the shoreline. Most scientists believe that the polar bear evolved about 200,000 years ago from brown bear ancestors.



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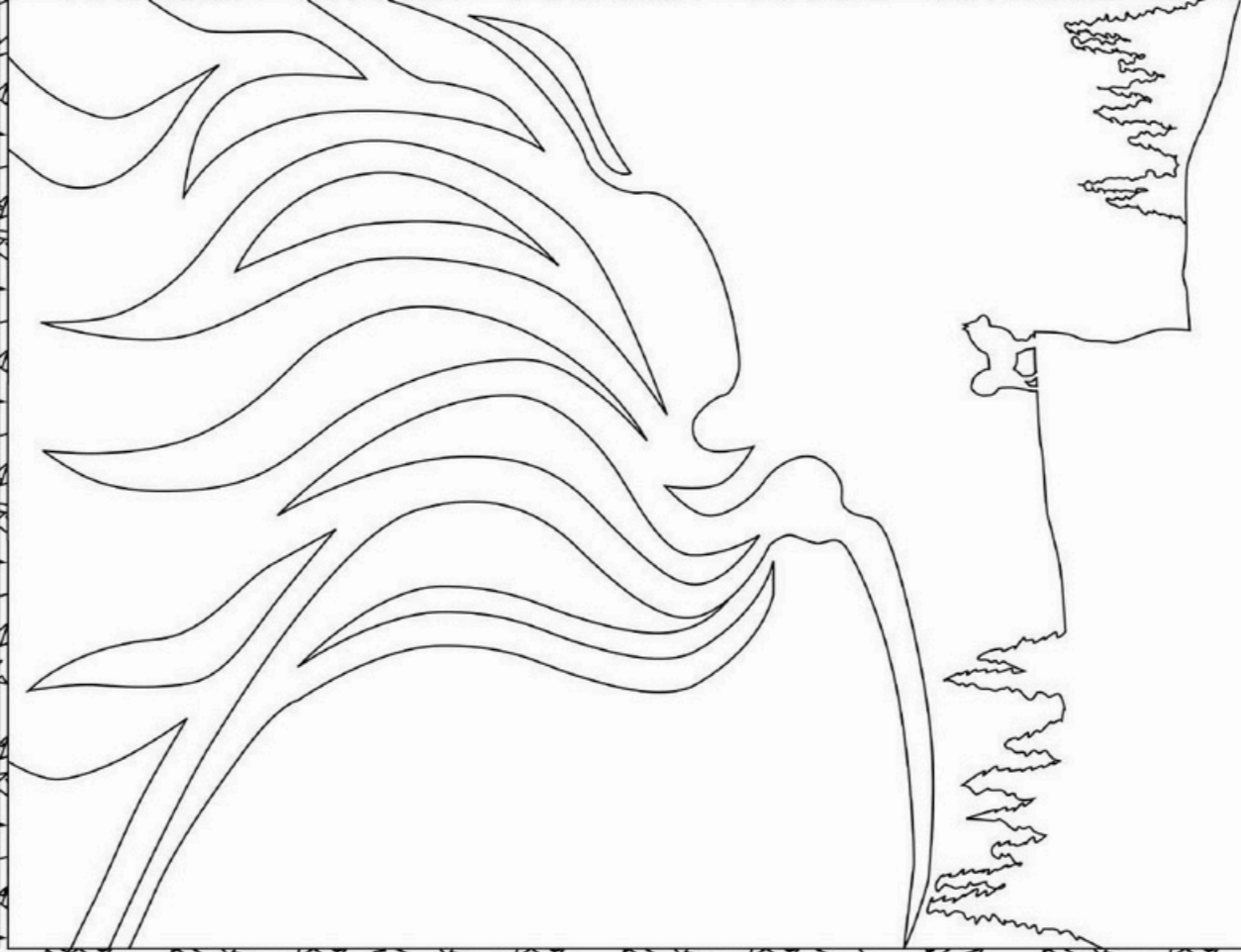


★ **Nunavut's Flag:** The colours, blue and gold, symbolize the riches of the land, sea and sky. Red is a reference to Canada. The Inuksuk symbolizes the stone monuments which guide the people. The star is the North Star and the traditional guide for navigation.





Northern Lights: Also called Aurora Borealis, this natural show of light occurs when particles from the solar winds collide with gases in the earth's atmosphere. These dancing lights tend to be red, green, blue and violet. Ancient peoples thought they were fires and signs from the heavens.



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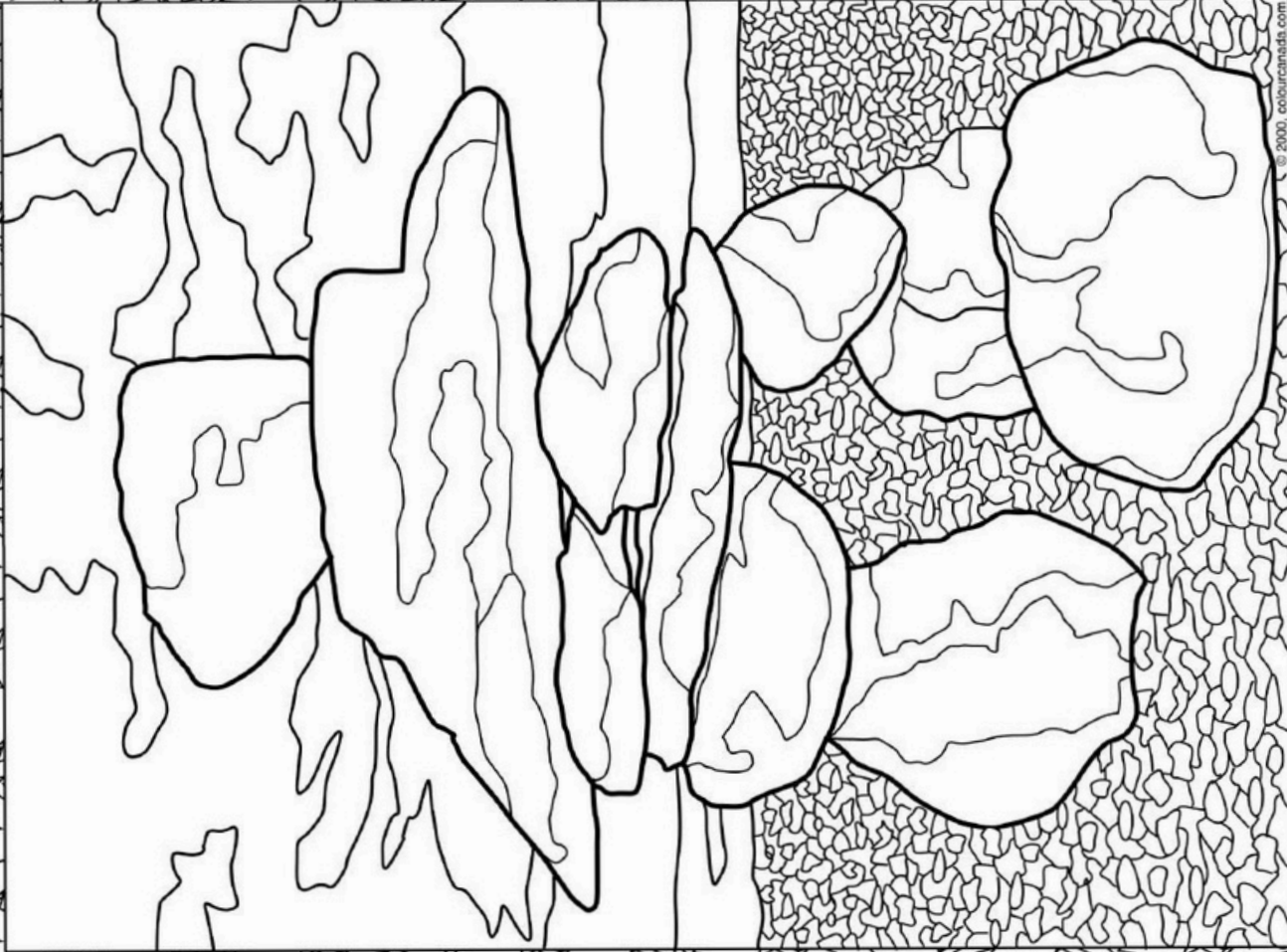


★ **Kayak:** The traditional watercraft of the Inuit people is called a kayak. They had frames made of driftwood, and were covered in seal skins. Typically a kayak was around six metres long and half a metre wide. These boats were used mostly for hunting and short coastal trips.





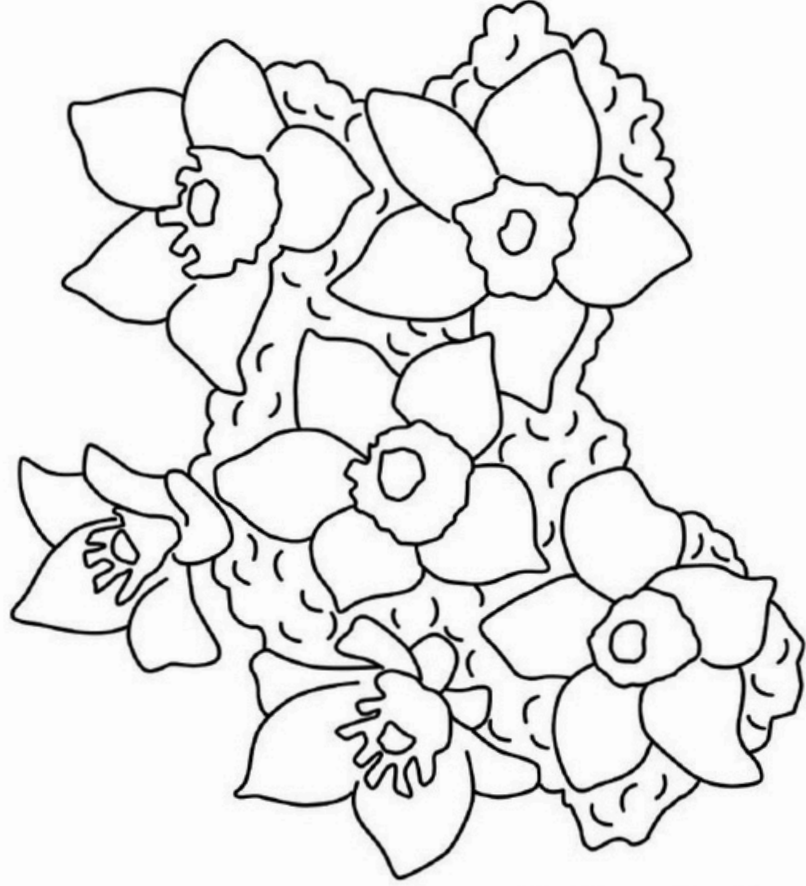
Inukshuk - Nunavut: The Inuksuk is a stone monument which guides the people on the land and marks sacred and other special places. Across Canada and the world, the Inukshuk has come to symbolize the north, it's beauty and mystery. You can build an Inukshuk to mark your special place!



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Purple Saxifrage: Nunavut chose the Purple Saxifrage as their provincial flower in 1999. These flowers bloom soon after the snow melts. They are able to grow in gravel and other poor soil . The flowers are used by the Inuit to create dye and they can be eaten.



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Arctic Wolf: Smaller and lighter than the southern wolves, they cover much of Canada's Arctic. Individually or in packs, wolves use strategy to take down the swift caribou, a main source of food. Once shot on sight, the wolf is now left largely to its own, and has been a great source of legend.

