Inuit Art & Culture Tours
An Educator’s Guide
Dear Educator,

Thank you for participating in an Inuit Cultural Tour at the Dennos Museum Center. We are excited to see you and your students at the museum soon! This packet gives you some background on the Inuit people and outlines the goals of the Inuit Cultural Tours. Specific details of the tour (length of tour, art project, etc.) will vary with each group. Please refer to your Tour confirmation sheet to verify specific details of your tour.

There are three suggested pre- or post-activities and a list of possible lesson extensions included in the packet. Please use and alter any of these lessons as you wish to create an integrated unit of study and complete the museum learning experience for your students. If your class is participating in the printmaking activity during your museum visit, please make sure that the students prepare their sketches on the worksheet provided outside of this packet.

Thank you,

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INUIT CULTURAL TOURS

TOUR OVERVIEW
This tour program is built around the Dennos Museum Center’s collection of Inuit Art and Michigan State Social Studies and Art Curriculum standards. Combined with the included lessons, this program also addresses curriculum standards for English/Language Arts. It combines art production, hands-on learning, games, and aesthetics to engage students with the Inuit people.

TARGET GRADE LEVEL
Sixth grade, upper elementary and middle school. This program is easily modified to fit with other grade levels. Please speak with the Curator of Education or docent representative to arrange for your group’s needs. See www.dennosmuseum.org for information on booking a tour.

SUBJECTS
Social Studies (Canada), Art Production, Aesthetics

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS
Students will…
- Recognize the importance and educational value of the Dennos Museum Center’s Inuit Art Collection.
- Use the Inuit Art Collection to help address the Michigan Department of Education Social Studies, English Language Arts, and Visual Arts curriculum standards and benchmarks.
- Internalize and apply the concept that art reflects culture.
- Connect culture and change in Inuit culture with that in our own.
- Create a piece of artwork in the style of the Inuit

MUSEUM ACTIVITIES/ROTATIONS
Please divide the students into three groups before arriving at the museum (unless you have a small group, the docent will let the teacher know if this is an issue). Groups will rotate through each of the activities.

Orientation (10-15 minutes)
Activity 1: Interactive, Hands-on Tour of the Inuit Gallery (45 minutes)
Activity 2: Inuit Games and Drumming (45 minutes)
Activity 3: Printmaking or Stencil Project (45 minutes)
RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR LOAN
DENNOS MUSEUM CENTER: INUIT ART AND CULTURE

FILMS AND VIDEOS
In the past we have loaned videos to educators to prepare students for tours at the Museum. The majority of these videos are now available online for you to screen at your leisure. It is highly recommended that you watch the videos before showing them to your students to ensure they are appropriate. Some videos do deal with mature subjects or include seals or other animals being butchered and used in other ways.

Here are some of our favorites:

*Cape Dorset, Nunavut: The Epicentre of Inuit Art*, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the Hamlet of Cape Dorset, 2008
This short video provides an introduction to Cape Dorset’s contemporary art and what life is like in the arctic now.
**Running Time:** 5 minutes
**URL:** [http://youtu.be/o54y4S-2NHc](http://youtu.be/o54y4S-2NHc)

*Eskimo Artist: Kenojuak*, National Film Board of Canada, 1963
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 cooperative in Cape Dorset and is one of the masters of Inuit printmaking. This film was nominated for the 1963 Documentary Short Subject Oscar.
**Running Time:** 20 minutes
**URL:** [http://www.nfb.ca/film/eskimo-artist-kenojuak](http://www.nfb.ca/film/eskimo-artist-kenojuak)

*I Can Make Art...Like Andrew Qappik*, National Film Board of Canada, 2005
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 the stories, traditions, and day-to-day events of his world. In this film, Qappic captivates his students by creating a soapstone relief print before their very eyes. Then it’s the kid’s turn as they create a self-portrait relief print.
**Running Time:** 11 minutes
**URL:** [http://www.nfb.ca/film/i_can_make_art_like_andrew_qappik](http://www.nfb.ca/film/i_can_make_art_like_andrew_qappik)

*Inuuvunga – I am Inuk, I am Alive*, National Film Board of Canada, 2004
In this feature-length documentary, 8 Inuit teens with cameras offer a vibrant and contemporary view of life in Canada’s North. They also use their newly acquired film skills to confront a broad range of issues, from the widening communication gap between youth and their elders to the loss of their peers to suicide. In Inuktitut with English subtitles. This film deals with mature subject matter.
**Running Time:** 57 minutes
**URL:** [http://www.nfb.ca/film/inuuvunga_i_am_inuk_i_am_alive](http://www.nfb.ca/film/inuuvunga_i_am_inuk_i_am_alive)
**Kamik**, National Film Board of Canada, 1989
This short documentary is a portrait of Ulayok Kaviok, one of the last generation of Inuit born and bred on the land. Ulayok and her family, like many inuit today, strive to balance two very different world. Her skills in making the sealskin boots called kamik may soon be lost in the cultural transformation overtaking her community.

**Running time:** 14 minutes  
**URL:** [http://www.nfb.ca/film/kamik](http://www.nfb.ca/film/kamik)

**The Living Stone**, National Film Board of Canada, 1958
This documentary shows the inspiration behind Inuit sculpture and centers on an old legend about the carving of a sea spirit to bring food to a hungry camp. This film does include hunting scenes and the butchering of a seal.

**Running time:** 33 minutes  
**URL:** [http://www.nfb.ca/film/living-stone](http://www.nfb.ca/film/living-stone)

**Never Lose Sight**, National Film Board of Canada, 2009
This short documentary presents the environmental challenges in Nunavut. Beneath the immaculate layer of snow, there are mountains of trash. Iqaluit’s two dumps are filled beyond capacity and the municipality has no plan to solve the problem. Throughout the film, we discover the problems faced by this isolated region and learn just how serious they are. But above all, we hear a call to action from the residents, who don’t want to see the North they love disappear.

**Running Time:** 21 minutes  
**URL:** [http://www.nfb.ca/film/never_lose_sight](http://www.nfb.ca/film/never_lose_sight)

**The Northern Lights**, National Film Board of Canada, 1992
Experience a visual panorama of animated legends and international space launches as indigenous people and scientists offer their perceptions of the wondrous northern lights.

**Running time:** 47 minutes  
**URL:** [http://www.nfb.ca/film/northern_lights](http://www.nfb.ca/film/northern_lights)

**Owl and the Raven: An Eskimo Legend**, National Film Board of Canada, 1973
Using life-like seal fur puppets, this animated short by Co Hoedeman tells the traditional Inuit tale of the owl and the raven.

**Running time:** 7 minutes  
**URL:** [http://www.nfb.ca/film/owl_raven_eskimo_legend](http://www.nfb.ca/film/owl_raven_eskimo_legend)
INQUIRY QUESTION
Who are the Inuit? What would it be like to live in the Arctic before electricity and modern conveniences arrived in the twentieth century?

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION
This activity is the “spark” that will draw students into the unit and prepare them for the museum tour experience. The teacher will begin by showing the students images of the Arctic landscape by showing them the location of Nunavut and the Arctic on a map or globe. The students will read the Inuit Life handout included in this handbook. The students will then break into groups and create lists of how life is similar and different to their own lives in Northern Lower Michigan using the provided Comparing Cultures worksheet.

IMPLEMENTATION
1. Read the inquiry question aloud to students. **Time:** 1 minute
2. Show the students images of the arctic landscape. Discuss the harsh weather conditions. **Time:** 5 minutes
3. Have the students read the handout on Inuit Life. **Time:** 10 minutes
4. Brainstorming and filling in Comparing Cultures worksheet. **Time:** 10-15 minutes

MATERIALS NEEDED
- Video of Nunavut
  - Several are listed in the resources section of this guide
  - Nunavut Tourism has a youtube channel with many short clips that show the contemporary landscape: [http://www.youtube.com/nunavuttourism](http://www.youtube.com/nunavuttourism)
- Handout on Inuit Life
- Comparing Cultures worksheet
- Writing implements
INUIT LIFE

The Inuit live in the Arctic, the icy lands surrounding the North Pole. They are sometimes called Eskimo, a Canadian First Nation Cree term meaning “eaters of raw meat.” However, they prefer to be known as Inuit, a word from their own language meaning “the people.”

Long ago, the Inuit were nomads. They wandered from place to place, following and hunting the animals that provided them with food, clothing, and shelter. Today most Inuit live in towns. The towns have stores, schools, hospitals, and other services. Modern inventions, such as radios, televisions, computers, and snowmobiles, have greatly changed the Inuit way of life.

The Inuit of long ago made all their clothes from animal skins. Clothing had to be warm and waterproof to protect them from the harsh arctic climate. Caribou (reindeer) skin was used most often, because it was warm and light. The skins of seals, polar bears, and arctic foxes were used as well.

The Inuit wore pants, boots, mittens, and a hooded jacket called a parka. During the winter, they wore two jackets; the inner jacket had the fur facing in and touching the skin. The outer jacket had the fur facing the outside. The air between the two jackets trapped body heat and protected the Inuit from the cold.

The Inuit of long ago were hunters and always on the move in search of food. Because they traveled often, they built homes that could be put up and taken down quickly and easily.

In summer, the Inuit lived in tents called tupiks. The tupik was made from caribou hide or seal skins. The skins were stretched over a frame of wooden poles or whalebone.

In winter, the Inuit built homes of sod or snow. The sod house was made from soil and built partly underground. Whalebone, wood, or stone was used to strengthen the house. A tunnel served as the entrance to the home. The snow house, or igloo, was made from blocks of hard-packed snow. It was shaped like a dome. An oil lamp in the center of the igloo provided heat and light. A hole at the top let out the smoke.

The Inuit were hunters. They had to cross land, water, snow, and ice in search of their food. In summer they traveled over the land by foot. For water travel, they had two kinds of boats. The kayak looked like a narrow canoe and held one or two people. It was used for hunting and fishing. The umiak was a large boat that held ten to twelve people. It was used for hunting large sea animals, such as whales and walruses. The umiak was also used to move a family’s belonging from one camp to another.

The seal was very important to the Inuit. It was hunted year-round. Almost every part of the animal was put to use. The meat and blubber (fat) were used for food. Blubber also provided the fuel used in lamps for heat, light, and cooking. Seal skin was specially
treated to make it waterproof. It was used for making clothing, boots, bags, boats, and tents. The bones were used for tools and toys. The tendons, the parts that join muscles to bones, were made into thread for sewing.

Inuit children and adults like to have fun. During the long arctic winter, they found many ways to entertain themselves indoors. In summer they liked to spend time outdoors.

The Inuit often gathered together for feasting, singing, dancing, and storytelling. They also played many games. They enjoyed string games in which a person made figures from string wrapped around his hands (similar to cat’s cradle). In a game called nuglutang, players tried to poke sticks through a hole in a piece of bone or ivory. In skin toss, a person jumped up and down on a large piece of animal skin held tight by several people. The Inuit also enjoyed games that tested their skill and strength, such as wrestling, weightlifting, jumping rope, and finger pull contests. The games were most often aimed at making the Inuit better able to survive in the harsh climate.

The Inuit were and are skilled carvers. They made beautiful things from wood, soapstone, bone, and ivory. They used a tool called a bow drill. The Inuit carved tools, weapons, and household items, often decorating them with pictures. They also made toys for their children, which were often gender-specific. Girls played with dolls, while boys played with models of kayaks, sleds, and weapons.

The Inuit made masks for dances and special ceremonies. Many masks were of the animals they hunted. The Inuit also carved small figures of animals. These figures were often worn as lucky charms. The Inuit believed that the charms protected them from evil spirits and made them more skilled in hunting.

Inuit printmaking began in the 1950s, after James Houston (a Canadian painter and government agent) showed the Cape Dorset Inuit artists woodcut printmaking techniques. In the past, Inuit people had not used printing as one of their modes of expression. The Inuit artists found printing to be an excellent way to help preserve memories of the old days and ways. The Inuit artists carved relief images on stones instead of wood, because wood is very scarce in the Arctic (you can imagine there are no trees in the tundra!). The Canadian government, which was trying to help the Inuit become self-sufficient, provided paints and paper for the printmaking project. The wife of James Houston, Alma, taught the Inuit women to use their sewing skills to create beautiful wall hangings.

The Canadian government wanted the Inuit in settlements so that they could be more easily cared for, and the government recognized that the people would need help making the change from being a nomadic society to a settled one. So the Inuit today live very differently than they did in the past. Instead of moving from place to place, most Inuit live in towns. Wooden houses have replaced tents and igloos. Food and clothing are bought at local stores. The Inuit used electric stoves, telephones, televisions, and other modern appliances. Many Inuit still hunt, trap, and fish, but most use snowmobiles and motorboats rather than kayaks and dog sleds. In order to earn the money necessary to live in modern society, many Inuit sell their traditional sculptures and prints all over the
world. Other Inuit work for the Nunavut or Canadian governments, or are employed in the mining, tourism, or services industries.

Inuit life has changed greatly, but traditions are still important. The Inuit are proud of their customs. They teach their children such skills as hunting, fishing, and carving. Children also learn songs, dances, and stories that have been handed down over the years. Although the Inuit enjoy the comforts of modern living, they do not want to see their culture disappear.

Adapted from Frank Schaffer Publications.

VOCABULARY
Nomad A person who moves from place to place.
Arctic The geographic areas near the North Pole.
Parka A Hooded Jacket.
Kamiks Inner boots made of soft animal skin.
Tupik Inuit tent made of caribou or seal skin.
Igloo A domed house made of hard-packed snow.
Kayak A narrow, canoe-like boat that holds one or two people.
Umiak A large boat with a sail that holds ten to twelve people.
Serpentine A medium-soft stone used for carving.
Stone cut A method of printing using a stone block on which artists carve their relief images. It is then applied to the stone block and prints are pulled from the block.
# COMPARING CULTURES

How are the following items the same or different in the Inuit Culture you read about? Add your own items after the ones listed that you would like to find out about (pets, tastes in music, etc.).

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INQUIRY QUESTION
What is poetry? Does poetry have to rhyme? How did the Inuit express themselves in words and pass stories down from generation to generation?

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION
Students read Inuit poetry and myths and then write their own poems.

IMPLEMENTATION
1. Read the Inquiry question aloud to students. **Time:** 1 minute
2. Discuss what poetry is with students.
3. Have the students read the selections of poetry and myth included in this packet and/or from other sources (Haiku and other short, non-rhyming forms of poetry are recommended). **Time:** 15-20 minutes
4. Have the students write their own poems and myths. **Time:** 15-20 minutes
5. **Extension:** Have the students create illustrations for their poems and stories.
6. Bring the poems and myths with you to the Dennos Museum Center to share with the class.

MATERIALS NEEDED
- The Story of Sedna, or Nulialuk, the Sea Goddess
- Inuit Poetry
- Other poems and stories as desired
- Paper
- Writing and Drawing implements
THE STORY OF SEDNA, OR NULIAJUK, THE SEA GODDESS

The Story of Nuliajuk, Mother of the Sea, ruler of All Beasts, the Most Terrible of All Spirits, to Whom Nothing is Impossible

In a time of famine once
when the whole village was going off to new hunting grounds
a little orphan girl named Nuliajuk
was left behind. Nobody could bother
about an extra mouth to feed.

They were in a hurry
to get to a place where there was food.
They made a raft of the kayaks to cross the river on
and the parents put their children on board.
Little Nuliajuk who had no one to take care of her
jumped out on the raft as it left the shore
wanting to go too,
but the people threw her off into the water.

The little girl tried to hold on to the edge of the raft
but they cut her fingers off
and as she went under
the pieces of her fingers came alive in the water
and turned into seals:
That’s where seals came from.

Woman of the Sea, Soroseelutu Ashoona, Stonecut, Cape Dorset, 1976
And Nuliajuk floated to the bottom
where she became Mother of the Sea
and Ruler of All Beasts on sea and land.

There she lives in her house under the waters
and keeps track of everything we do,
and when we break taboos she punishes us
by hiding the animals. Then hunting is bad
and people starve. That is why
she is the most feared of all the gods.

Nuliajuk gave seals to mankind, it is true,
but she is not friendly to people
for they had no pity on her when she lived on earth,
throwing her into the sea like that to drown.
So naturally she would like mankind to perish too.
That is why we do our best
to be as good as we can
and make Nuliajuk think kindly of us.


**INUIT POETRY**

**The Kayak Paddler’s Joy at the Weather**
When I’m out of the house in the open,
   I feel joy.
When I get out on the sea by chance,
   I feel joy.
If it is really fine weather,
   I feel joy.
If the sky really clears nicely,
   I feel joy.
May it continue thus
   for the good of my sealing!
May it continue thus
   for the good of my hunting!
May it continue thus
   for the good of my singing match!
May it continue thus
   for the good of my drum song!
**Magic Words to Bring Luck when Hunting Caribou**
Great swan, great swan
Great caribou bull, great caribou bull,
The land that lies before me here,
Let it along yield abundant mean,
Be rich in vegetation,
Your moss-food.
You shall look forward to and come hither
And the solelike plants you eat, you shall look forward to.
Come here, come here!
Your bones you must move out and in,
To me you must give yourself.

**Magic Song for Him Who Wishes to Live**
Day arises
From its sleep,
Day wakes up
With the dawning light.
Also you must arise,
Also you must awake
Together with the day which comes.

**Lullaby**
It is my big baby
That I feel in my hood
Oh how heavy he is!
Ya ya! Ya ya!
When I turn
He smiles at me, my little one,
Well hidden in my hood,
Oh how heavy he is!
Ya ya! Ya ya!

How sweet he is when he smiles
With two teeth like a little walrus.
Ah, I like my little one to be heavy
And my hood to be full.
I Remember the White Bear
I remember the white bear,
With its back-body raised high;
It thought it was the only male here,
And came towards me at full speed.
    Unaya, unaya.

Again and again it threw me down,
But it did not lie over me,
But quickly went from me again.
It had not thought
Of meeting other males here,
And by the edge of an ice floe
It lay calmly.
    Unaya, unaya.

I shall never forget the great blubber-beast;
On the firm ice I had already slayed it,
When the neighbors with whom I shared the land here
Had just woken.
It was as if I had gone to its breathing hole out there.
    Unaya, unaya.

There as I came across it,
And as I stood over it, it heard me,
Without scratching at the ice,
At the under edge of the firm ice to which it had hooked itself,
Truly it was a cunning beast—
Just as I felt sorry that I had not caught it,
    Unaya, unaya,

I caught it fast with my harpoon head,
Before it had even drawn breath!
INQUIRY QUESTION
The Inuit speak their native language, Inuktitut, which is very different from the English language. How is this language similar and different from our own?

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION
Students learn about the Inuktitut language and how to structure short sentences.

IMPLEMENTATION
1. Read the Inquiry question aloud to students. **Time:** 1 minute
2. Have the students read Inuktitut Language handout and hear the language spoken on the Kid’s Stop Website. **Time:** 15-20 minutes
3. Have the students write short sentences in Inuktitut and have short conversations with each other. **Time:** 15-20 minutes
4. **Extension:** Have the students create poems and stories in Inuktitut.
5. Ask the students how Inuktitut is similar and different to English.

ONLINE RESOURCES
Nunavut Living Dictionary
   http://www.livingdictionary.com/
Our Language, Our Selves
Inuktitut Lesson on Youtube
   http://youtu.be/NUSwXbz7CtE

MATERIALS NEEDED
- Inuktut Language handouts
- Paper
- Writing and Drawing implements
- Computer with web capabilities
INUKTITUT LANGUAGE

Inuktutut is the language spoken by Inuit living in Northwestern Canada. Inuktutut words are sometimes very long. They are built up by putting small pieces in the middle (infix) or at the end (suffix) of a simple word.

Simple Words:
- Tuttu = caribou (pronounced took-too)
- Nanuq = polar bear (pronounced na-nook)
- Arlu = killer whale (pronounced ar-loo)
- Malik = follow (pronounced mah-lick)

Infixes:
- -siuq- = hunt (pronounced see-ok)
- -guma- = want (pronounced gooma)
- -ngi- = not (pronounced like the ‘ngi’ in longing)

Suffixes:
- -titut = just like a (pronounced tea-toot)
- -punga = I (pronounced poonga)
- -putit = you (pronounced put-it)
- -puq = he or she (pronounced pok)

You can use these words to make up sentences. If you use the affix –mik, it shows that a word is the object of a sentence. For example:

Marcusi arlu-mik malik-puq. (Marcusi follows a killer whale)
Marcusi-mik arlu malik-puq. (A killer whale follows Marcusi)

Or you can make one long word. For example:

Arlu-siuq-guma-gni-punga. (I don’t want to hunt killer whale)

You can put the words in any order you like. Just remember that affixes always come after infixes, and that infixes always come after single words. For example:

Amag = to carry
Amuat = carrying pouch
Amautik = parka with carrying pouch
Amariik = mother carrying child in the amautik
**Vocabulary List**

- **Agloo**  Seal’s breathing hole in the ice
- **Amautik**  Parka with carrying pouch for child
- **Arnaviaq**  Female snow bunting
- **Ataata**  Father
- **Arlu**  Killer whale
- **Ayayut**  Inuit Drum
- **Bannock**  Inuit bread
- **Eskimo**  Eaters of raw meat
- **Igdlo**  House
- **Igloo**  Dome-shaped house made of snow blocks
- **Inuit**  The people
- **Inuk**  One Inuit person
- **Inukshuk**  Pile of stones, a marker
- **Inuktut**  The Inuit language
- **Iqaluk**  Fish
- **Isumatag**  One who thinks
- **Kabloonan**  White people
- **Kamiks**  Inner boots of felt or duffel
- **Kayak**  Long, narrow hide boat for one person, used for hunting
- **Komalik**  Sled
- **Komatiq**  Sledge
- **Kudliq**  Soapstone lamp
- **Malik**  Follow
- **Mukluk**  Boots
- **Nanuq**  Polar bear
- **Nauttiaq**  Wildflower
- **Nuglutang**  Game
- **Oogruk**  Bearded seal
- **Oopik**  Owl
- **Parka**  Hooded jacket
- **Qupanuavik**  Male snow bunting
- **Tupik**  Summer tent
- **Tutu**  Caribou
- **Ulu**  Large, crescent-shaped bone knife used for scraping hides
- **Umiak**  Large boat able to hold 10-12 people

**Words for Snow**

- **Igluksaq**  Snow for making an igloo
- **Aput**  Snow on the ground
- **Aquilluqqqa**  Firm, but not quite firm enough for a snow house
- **Ganik**  Falling snow
- **Masak**  Wet snow, typical of spring
- **Mauya**  Soft, deep snow
- **Pigtug**  Snow being blown in a blizzard
- **Pukak**  Snow of granular consistency, not good for building a snow house
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*Field of Verse*, Anirmik Ragee, Lithograph, Cape Dorset, 2004
ACTIVITY EXTENSIONS

Language Arts
- Have the students write a legend to explain how Inuit first found sled dogs.
- Have students create a play about being in a nomadic group traveling and hunting in the Arctic.
- Have students list new words and draw and example to show what the words mean.
- Have students create an igloo where each block contains one word learned in connection with the Inuit study.
- Have the students read Julie and the Wolves or Julie (both by Jean Craighead George), one of the books available from the Dennos Museum Center for loan, or another book focusing on the lives of Inuit or Native Peoples.

Social Studies
- Have students compare and contrast life in their homes with life in an igloo or sod house.
- Have students draw a map of Canada and locate four or five of the settlements where the art works originated.
- Have students evaluate the Canadian government’s decision forcing the Inuit to live together in settlements.

Humanities
- Have students discuss the importance of the community over self in the Inuit culture, past and present.
- Have students compare how pride and dignity were maintained by the Inuit people and by Native Americans.

Math
- Have the students map a dog sled route and calculate how many days it would (a) they traveled eight miles per hour during (b) 5 hours of daylight each day.
- Have the students calculate how many miles it is from their home to Cape Dorset.
- Have the students calculate how much an Inuit hunter could earn if fox skins were sold for $12.00 per skin, and he had thirty-five to sell.

Science
- Assign teams of students to study the Arctic region in terms of topography, climate, and seasons.
- Have students explore the rotation and tilt of the Earth to understand climate and light variations in the Arctic.