

## GJOA HAVEN 1903-5 – Historic photographs

**Amundsen took these photos during his visit in Gjoa Haven in 1903-5. In them ancestors and relations of today's Nattilingmiut going about daily life and visiting with the Gjoa crew. Can you imagine what it would have been like to be one of the people in the photographs?**

**Students and teachers study the photographs and talk about them. Students choose a photograph they want to work with, and write a story/ make a picture. Combines language skills and creative writing/ art skills.**

**Grades:** High school (can be adapted to elementary grades)

**Relevant subject areas:** Social Studies, English, Inuktitut, art what more?

### Resources:

Historical photographs Amundsen expedition: available at <http://www.khm.uio.no/gjoahaven/>, choose category "Expedition 1903-05" from list

Fact sheet Amundsen historic photographs

### Activities:

#### 1. Introduce

Collection, photographs, context

The students learn about the **Amundsen collection of photographs from Gjoa Haven**

- Look at different photographs in class
- Visit the Heritage Centre to see some of the photographs on display!
- Talk in class about the time of Amundsen's visit and what life was like for Inuit back then.

#### 2. Explore

The students explore the photograph collection.

- What is going on in the photographs?
- Who are the people, what are they doing? What objects and tools can you see?
- Talk in class about what kind of situations the photos could have been taken in.

#### 3. Choose the photograph you want to work with

- Why do you find this photograph interesting? What grabs your attention?
- Use your imagination to think what it was like to be there, what was going on.

#### 4. What happened after? Write a story/ make a picture.

- Write a story about what happened next, after the photograph was taken, or
- Make a picture (draw, paint etc) showing what happened after.

#### 5. Share:

Share your work (stories or pictures). Ask if they can be displayed at school or at the Heritage Centre.

### Different uses of this photo resource:

- Work with photographs to name things you see in Inuktitut
- Invite an elder to come to class and talk about what you see in the photographs

- Investigate how elders in your family remember things from when they were young – compare with what photographs show.

**Objectives:**

- Learn about what life was like in 1903
- Let your imagination loose!
- Write a story
- Make an artwork