

REPORTING HERITAGE

What is heritage? Why does Gjoa Haven have heritage centre? What does it do?

You and your class are journalists, and you want to make a report on the Nattilik Heritage Centre in Gjoa Haven. How will you make your story?

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

Relevant subject areas: Social Studies, English, Inuktitut, project work

Resources:

Nattilik Heritage Centre, staff, board, elders and other community members

Nattilik Heritage Centre fact sheet and web page <http://www.ullulaqinuitarts.com/>

Digital portal Gjoa Haven/ Amundsen collection <http://www.khm.uio.no/gjoahaven/>

Activities:

1. Introduce

In class students and teacher talk about how journalists work, and what could be interesting for journalists about the Nattilik Heritage Centre.

2. Explore

Equipment/ media: Students find out what equipment they need, if they want to write article/ make radio programme/ or make film.

Topic: Students visit the Nattilik Heritage Centre, think about what you find interesting about it.

- Talk with staff and others, find out who could be interesting to interview.

3. Choose

Students consider what story they want to write. It could be

- About the building, about exhibit, about art shop, about event, about anything they find interesting.

Students decide who they could talk to and interview.

4. Investigate!

Interview an elder about why they think heritage centre is important

Interview a youth about heritage and the heritage centre, why they think it is important, what they like about it. What would they like to see in there?

Maybe some of these questions:

- Why did Gjoa Haven want to have Heritage Centre?
- What does it do?
- What is it like to work there?
- What are the things in there?
- What kinds of people visit?
- What are the kinds of activities and projects that happen there?
- How is the Heritage Centre important for Gjoa Haven?

5. Report

Write article/ present on local radio/ make film about what you have found out.

Objectives:

- Learn about reporting and the tools that can be used
- Practice presenting your material, as article/ radio programme/ film
- Learn about topic related to the Heritage Centre and how it is relevant to the community of Gjoa Haven
- Reflect on the importance and role of the Nattilik Heritage Centre in Gjoa Haven
- Reflect on why you chose to tell a particular story with your reporting