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Native American homes/shelters - Research Project (mini)

The topic of my research is the:

Igloo.

The most significant characteristic of the

igloo

is:

The term "igloo" is provided from the Inuit word "iglu," it is pronounced the same but spelled differently. "Iglu" means house. The Igloo is built with snow blocks that were compressed and is very compact. The snow is cut, mostly with a knife or saw, it is shaped to fit a unusual position.

One of the most important things I learned about the

igloo

was:

Igloos are a lot of times built as a hunting or a camping station or as a normal home. Only one oil lamp could heat an entire igloo! People who live in igloos have thin sheets of ice for windows and thicker ice for a door. Some skilled Inuit hunters could build an igloo in maybe a hour. Even when the temperature outside an igloo is -50 degrees F (-46 degrees C), temperatures inside the igloo could go up to 60 degrees F (16 degrees C)! The point is that ice and snow have →

One of the

igloo

strengths was:

Snow can keep you insulated and the packed ice blocks protects you from the wind. An igloo is stronger than you think, a full grown man can stand on an igloo without it collapsing! A nicely built igloo can stand a hurricane force winds on the open snow.

One of the

igloo

weaknesses or limitations was:

an igloo has a very small space, it only has 1 room. You have to build it in a cold climate. It is always super cold too.