

Unangam Clothing and Environment

OBJECTIVE

Students will create or present a traditional clothing item to learn how environmental elements and processes influence types of clothing.

TIME REQUIRED

20 minutes

BACKGROUND

Traditional Unangam clothing was very different from the clothing worn today. All garments came from materials gathered from the surrounding environment.

MATERIALS

- Information on traditional clothing of the Unangan, gathered from the Internet or books.

PROCEDURES

- Have groups of students research the traditional dress of the Unangan and create a costume, poster, or presentation of examples of the clothing.
 - ◆ Relate how the clothing was influenced by the environment
 - ◆ Provide an explanation of materials used for the clothing
 - ◆ Explain the materials used for different garments

DISCUSSION

How is the Unangan clothing different from the clothing you wear today?

What clothing today is made from the same or similar material?

RESOURCES

- http://www.anchoragemuseum.org/galleries/alaska_gallery/aleut.aspx
- <http://www.mnh.si.edu/arctic/features/croads/aleut.html>
- http://alaska.si.edu/culture_unangan.asp

ACTIVITY 2.3**WORKSHEET 2.3.1**

Traditional Unangam clothing

Traditional Unangam Clothing	Characteristic	Clothing from
	Clothing Item	
	Purpose	
	Material	

ACTIVITY 2.3 **TEACHER KEY 2.3.1** Traditional Unangam clothing

(Example: answers may vary)

Traditional Unangam Clothing	Characteristic	Clothing from Today
<p>chaġtalisaâ or kamleika gut parka with hood and draw string</p> <p>Waterproof kayaking and hunting parka Drawstring at the bottom of the parka can be tied around the opening of the kayak to prevent water from entering, similar to kayak skirts worn today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fur seal or sea lion gut (intestine) • Sinew from fur seal or sea lion used as thread. • Bird or fish bone needles were used to sew. <p>women</p> <p>Source: Alaska Native Collections Smithsonian Institution http://alaska.si.edu/record.asp?id=265</p>	<p>Clothing Item</p> <p>Purpose</p> <p>Materials</p> <p>Made by</p> <p>NOTE: Other categories can be added</p>	<p>Rain coat/parka</p> <p>Waterproof jacket. Drawstring hood and elastic wrists. Used to stay dry when outside during rainstorms. Some coats have a kayak skirt attached.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nylon, Gortex, rubber, or vinyl • Cotton or nylon thread <p>Mostly made by factory workers in China, Indonesia, and India. A few companies sell parkas made in the United States.</p>