

Arctic Traditions Answer Key

1. Reindeer herding is important because it follows ancient routes, shapes family life, and connects the Sámi to their land and history.
2. Joik preserves tradition by honoring people and places, sharing cultural stories, and keeping an old musical style alive.
3. Sámi people use snowmobiles and satellite tools but also depend on migration knowledge and traditional methods.
4. Long winters, limited daylight, and harsh weather require the Sámi to move with the seasons and follow reindeer needs for food and shelter.
5. The passage shows that Sámi communities still perform joik, use traditional clothing, and continue herding while balancing new technology.

Teacher's Guide

- Introduce students to the Indigenous Sámi and highlight bold words to emphasize key concepts.
- Encourage students to annotate the passage for clues about culture, environment, and identity.
- After answering, have students discuss responses in small groups to deepen understanding.

Differentiation Tip

- Offer a word list for students who need support with terms such as joik, migration, and Indigenous.

Engagement Ideas

- Show photos of reindeer herding, Sámi clothing, and Arctic landscapes to build visual understanding.
- Invite students to compare Sámi seasonal movement with that of animal migrations they have studied.

Extension Activity

- Assign a short research task on another Arctic Indigenous group and have students compare traditions.