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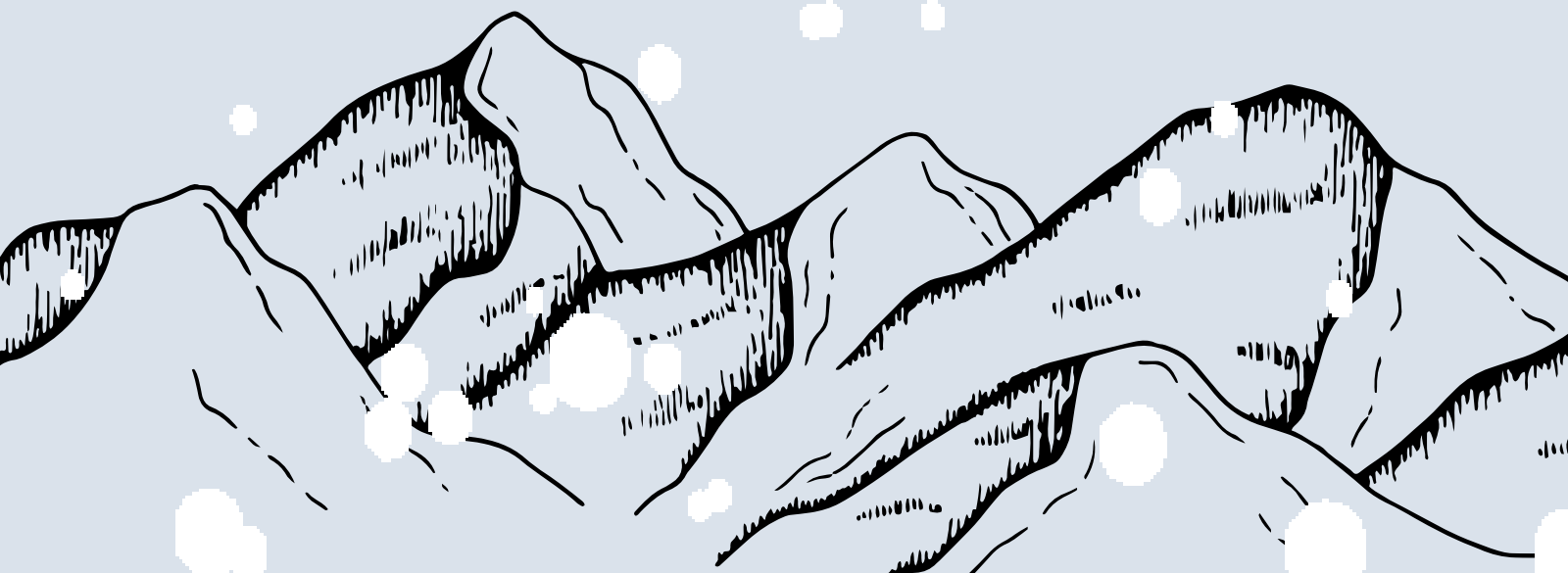


Waubgeshig Rice is a renowned Canadian author and journalist of Anishinaabe descent. He comes from the Wasauksing First Nation in Ontario, Canada. Rice's debut novel, "Legacy," published in 2014, received critical acclaim and was selected as the 2015 winner of the Anishinabe Literary Award for Best Fiction. He worked as a television news reporter, covering many topics including environmental issues and Indigenous affairs. In 2020, Rice released his second novel, "Moon of the Crusted Snow." This post-apocalyptic thriller tells the story of a remote Anishinaabe community that finds itself cut off from the outside world as a mysterious disaster disrupts modern infrastructure. The book became a national bestseller in Canada.

Why are oral traditions important to First Peoples



Oral traditions are the medium by which traditions are perpetuated and lessons are shared. It is a way of passing down knowledge accumulated throughout history. It is how the first peoples remain connected to their culture.



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Why is living in the north difficult?

Living in the Northern part of Canada is an extremely difficult and daunting task. The land in the north is bare and boring, hindering the ability to do many activities. The land conflicts with a lot of hobbies and tasks that people could be able to do. This causes depression on a large scale. Because of the orientation of the earth and sun, in some parts of the year, there is 24-hour sunlight which can inflict a change in the sleep schedule of a person. The harsh weather would also take its toll on the construction of their homes and access to necessities. The cold can cause water pipes to burst, wood to crack and infiltrate homes, which were not things to be fixed quickly. On top of all these factors, the government gives minimal efforts to subsidize or support the crisis that people living in the North face. Currently, Nunavut has the highest suicide rate in Canada, with 72 suicides per 100,000 people.

Why were the traditional ways of hunting and fishing important to the Inuit and First People?

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There is very little vegetation in northern communities meaning that most of their food source is from hunting and fishing.

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Why is electricity an important part of our lives?

It is almost impossible to go about daily life without using electricity. We use it for lighting our buildings and streets, for cooking our food, to communicate with people from all over the world, and for making our lives substantially easier. Without electricity, humanity would never be able to progress past the point of small communities. Electricity is an essential step in creating fulfilling and busy lives for humanity.

