

# Inuksuk: Learning about Landmarks

An inukshuk is a manmade structure made of stones piled on top of each other. These structures were used for navigation in the far north by the Inuit and other indigenous peoples because in the blinding white snow, everything had the potential of looking the same. The structures worked as landmarks to help guide travelers and hunters to their final destinations.



LANDMARKS

A landmark can be any natural or manmade object used to help guide travelers.

Perhaps one of the most famous manmade landmarks is the Statue of Liberty. What are some other landmarks in the US?



A cairn is another manmade structure used as a landmark. From where do cairns originate?



Lighthouses are a very common landmark found all over the world. Have you visited a lighthouse before? What was the name of it, and when was it built?



What are some landmarks you recognize in your community? Is there an old barn or a tree that helps you remember how to get home? Or perhaps there is something else that helps you find your way. Think about it, you use landmarks and you didn't even realize it.