

## Glossary of terms from the [Soper's World Story Map](#)

### **Aglu**

Inuktitut word. A breathing hole made by a seal.

### **Brown lemming**

North American brown lemming or *Lemmus trimucronatus*. A small brown rodent, about 14 cm in length, with soft fur that burrows and lives underground. They have short tails, short legs, and small ears.

### **Country food**

Traditional Inuit food, especially meat from Arctic animals such as caribou, whales, seals, and birds.

### **Entomological**

Related to the study of insects.

### **Ethnological**

Related to the study of people and the relationships between them.

### **Foreign**

Belonging to a country that is not one's own.

### **Franklin**

Sir John Franklin (16 April 1786 – 11 June 1847) was a British Royal Navy officer and Arctic explorer. He was lost in his last expedition, attempting to navigate and chart Canada's Northwest Passage. This voyage is now famously known as The Franklin Expedition (1845).

### **Inuktitut**

To learn more about the different Inuit languages and dialects spoken in the Canadian Arctic please visit [Inuktitut Tusaalanga](#).

### **Kudlik**

Inuktitut word. A small lamp that uses seal blubber as fuel.

### **Moraines**

Accumulations of dirt and rock that have been transported by the movement of glaciers. Moraines can persist long after a glacier has retreated and therefore reveal that a glacier was once active in a region.

**Naturalist**

A natural history expert. Someone who studies natural history, including all elements of the natural world from plants and animals to minerals and fossils.

**Nansen**

Fridtjof Wedel-Jarlsberg Nansen (10 October 1861 – 13 May 1930) was a Norwegian explorer, scientist, diplomat, humanitarian, and Nobel Peace Prize laureate. He led the Fram Expedition (1893 – 96), a well-known attempt to reach the North Pole. The attempt was unsuccessful, but he gained fame for reaching the farthest northern latitude at the time: 86°13.6'N.

**Northern Hemisphere**

A hemisphere is half of a sphere. The Northern Hemisphere refers to the area of Earth north of the equator (0° latitude), while the Southern Hemisphere is the area south of the equator. Canada is in the Northern Hemisphere.

**Ornithologist**

A bird expert. Someone who studies birds.

**Peary**

Robert Edwin Peary Sr. (6 May 1856 – 20 February 1920) was a United States Navy officer and Arctic explorer. He claimed to be the first to have reached the geographic North Pole on April 6, 1909. Modern scholars are uncertain whether he actually reached the pole, but if he did not, he certainly came very close to it.

**Southerners**

Referring to people who live outside of the Arctic.

**Sovereignty**

The authority of a state to govern itself without interference from an outside source.

**Survey**

Surveying is the work of making measurements on-site to determine the position of specific points and the distances between them. These measurements are used for drawing accurate maps.

**Theodolite**

Surveying equipment for measuring vertical and horizontal angles, and aiding triangulation (determining the position of an object).