



CLASS IX
ENGLISH COURSE BOOK
UNIT IV - PEOPLE
LESSON - C
THE ESKIMOS : PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE SNOW

NOTES

SUMMARY

- a. **Eskimos** are aboriginal inhabitants of Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of North America, Greenland and Siberia.
- b. The Arctic regions are the coldest place in the world and the entire land is always under ice.
- c. Eskimos depend heavily on different meats for their food.
- d. Traditionally, Eskimos are hunters and fishers.
- e. They hunt whales, walrus, caribou, seal, polar bears, musk oxen, birds etc.
- f. They prepare food by drying, cooking in seal oil or burying it until it ferments naturally. They also eat raw.
- g. They live in igloos during winter and tupigs during the few warmer months.
- h. The Eskimos make clothes and footwear from animal skins. Anoraks are used by men while amautik are used by women.
- i. They use different boats – kayaks for sea hunting and umiags for transporting people, goods and dogs.
- j. Eskimos use dog sleds for transportation during winter.
- k. Dogs play an integral role in the day-to-day routine of the Eskimos.
- l. Eskimo myths are filled with adventure tales of whale and walrus hunt and Aurora Borealis. They also invented mythical monsters like Kallupiluk or Qalupalick.
- m. A lot of changes have taken place after the World War II in the Eskimo land.
