

Alutiiq Puppets



Photo: Alutiiq puppets. Clothing and regalia made by Susan

Kit Includes:

- Eight Alutiiq puppets
- Alutiiq puppet information

Materials Needed:

- Internet access
- Pencils
- Paper

Alutiiq Vocabulary

Pisurta—Hunter
Alagnarsurta—Berry Picker
Agnguarta—Dancer
Taquka'arsurta—Bear Hunter
Tuyug—Chief
Arnaq—Woman
Arya'aq—Girl
Nukallpiaq—Man

Content Connections

AK Cultural Standards

AK Language Arts Standards

AK Social Studies Standards

Create:

- Introduce each Alutiiq puppet to your class, sharing them individually.
- Read the Alutiiq puppet information sheet to your students.
- Explain to your students that they will be writing stories about the puppets. You can have students pick a puppet or assign a puppet to your students. Students can work in groups or independently.
- Provide the students with a copy of the Alutiiq puppet information sheet that correlates with the puppet or puppets with which they are working. Encourage students to explore the Alutiiq Word of the Week Archive to learn more and listen to the Alutiiq word pronunciations.
<https://alutiiqmuseum.org/collection/browse/words>
- Once the students have learned about their puppet and understood the role it plays in Alutiiq society, have them write a story. They should incorporate cultural information from the information sheet and online resources.
- Students can also develop a script to accompany their story.
- Once all the students have completed their stories, have them share with the class. Students can read their stories or put on a play with the puppets.