



FINDING FRANKLIN:



A FAMILY ARTIFACT HUNT

Sir John Franklin took two ships — HMS Erebus and Terror — into the Canadian Arctic, seeking a Northwest Passage. He and his crew set sail from England in 1845 and never returned. What happened to them remains a mystery to this day.

Thanks to the help of Inuit oral histories and new technologies, Parks Canada and its partners — including the Government of Nunavut and the Inuit Heritage Trust — were able to find Franklin's ships. They were discovered underwater near King William Island, Nunavut, in 2014 and 2016, more than 160 years after they disappeared.

Use your keen explorer skills to find these important artifacts in the exhibition **Death in the Ice – The Mystery of the Franklin Expedition**. At each artifact, you will find an Inuktitut syllabic character. Find all the characters to decode the mystery word at the end of the hunt! Make sure to record the characters on your sheet in the same order as they are found.

CLUE 1:

This object is very important to Inuit communities. It is waterproof because it is made of sealskin and is sewn with a waterproof stitch, making it possible for Inuit to travel the cold waters of the Arctic. Can you find it?

Find this object in Zone One: Inuit Knowledge of the Franklin Expedition

Inuktitut character:

CLUE 2:

HMS *Erebus* and *Terror* were very strong ships, with experience in polar ice. They were reinforced with iron plates and extra wood to sail into the Northwest Passage. Can you find miniature versions of the two ships?

Find these objects in Zone Two: The Preparation of the Men and Ships

Inuktitut character:

CLUE 3:

Games aboard a ship? Crew members did not have to work all day. They also had leisure time, sometimes playing bridge, poker and even chess! Can you find some objects the crew might have used for these activities?

Find these objects in Zone Three: Life on the Ships

Inuktitut character:

CLUE 4:

Groups searching for the Franklin Expedition in the 19th century tried to stay in touch with one another — a difficult task given the large search area and no access to phones or radio. Sometimes the messages they left were intercepted by hungry polar bears. Can you find one of their message containers?

Find this object in Zone Four: The Search for the Franklin Expedition

Inuktitut character:

CLUE 5:

This object on HMS Erebus structured the crew's time by letting the men know when it was time to start their day, or sit down to eat. It was the first artifact to be raised from the wreckage. The salt from the seawater has damaged the metal of this object, and it had to be carefully conserved before being put on display.

**Find this object in Zone Six:
Discovery**

Inuktitut character:

Now, put the Inuktitut characters in order!

Answer: ᐃᓯᓕᓂ or Ugrulik
Ugrulik is the Inuktitut name for the area of King William Island where the *Erebus* was found. The name means "where there are bearded seals."