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# IL MIO AMICO NANUK

An incredible story that takes place in the cold north of Canada and a remarkable friendship between a boy and a bear cub.

## Synopsis

“Il mio amico Nanuk” is a passionate adventure in the open and beautiful northern land of Canada, the Arctic. Luke is a young boy who lives in the land of polar bears. Luke’s father is dead and his mother, a researcher, does everything possible to protect her two children. It all begins when a female polar bear reaches the village of Devon where Luke lives. Once the authority is alerted, they put the female bear to sleep and transport her body far away from the village to a place called Caper Resolute. What they did not realize is that a little cub was left behind in the village. Luke finds it and names it Nanuk. From that moment, Luke starts a long journey throughout the cold territory of the Arctic in order to reunite the little bear with his mother. Along the journey, the audience will meet another important character, Muktuk, who aims to help Luke accomplish his plan. They experience several difficulties as a result of the harsh yet, amazing northern environment. Although the story is represented with simplicity in order to make it understood by a young audience, it is undeniable that “Il mio amico Nanuk” is a story about a great friendship between humans and animals. It is a story that shows love and respect for our wonderful mother earth and encourages people of all ages to fight and stand up for what they believe in.

**Recommended Age:** All ages

**Director:** Brando Quilici

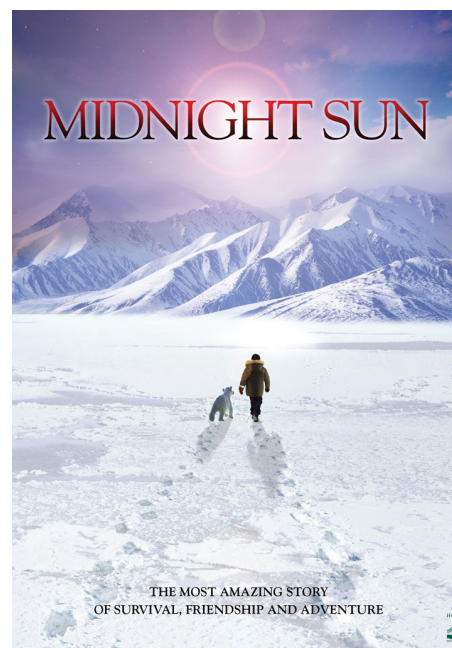
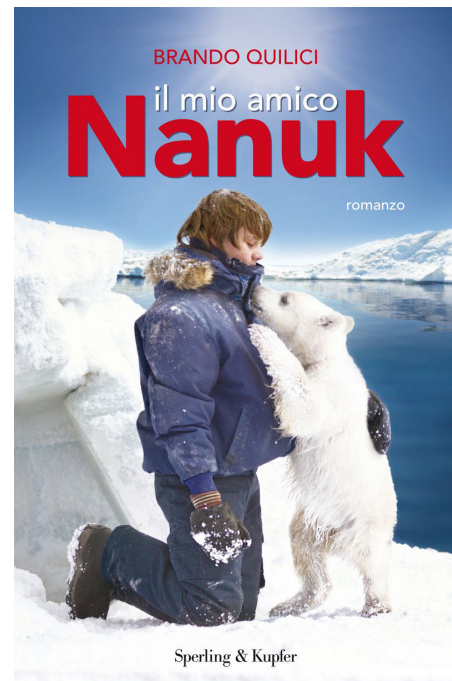
**Country:** Canada-Italy

**Genre:** Adventure

**Duration:** 120 minutes

**Year:** 2014

**Production:** Medusa



# THEMES

## NANOOK RIVER IN CANADA

## NANOOK BAFFIN ISLAND

## POLAR ARTIC

- The changing in the north landscape as a consequence to the global warming
- Facing relevant changes in the Arctic related to the global warming

## BAIA OF HUDSON AND SVALBARD ISLAND

- Physical geography and history

## POLAR BEARS AND THEIR HABITAT

- The difficulties polar bears face because of the global warming

## ESKIMO

- History
- How they live, how they survive in a such cold environment
- How their lives have been affected by the climate change





# SUGGESTIONS FOR CURRICULUM EXPECTATIONS

## VISUAL ARTS

1. Create two-dimensional, three-dimensional, and multimedia art works that explore feelings, ideas, and issues from a variety of points of view
2. Use a variety of materials, tools, techniques, and technologies to determine solutions to design challenges

## WRITING

1. Generate, gather, and organize ideas and information to write for an intended purpose and audience

## ORAL COMMUNICATION

1. Listen in order to understand and respond appropriately in a variety of situations for a variety of purposes
2. Use speaking skills and strategies appropriately to communicate with different audiences for a variety of purposes
3. Reflect on and identify their strengths as listeners and speakers, areas for improvement, and the strategies they found most helpful in oral communication situations

## MEDIA LITERACY

1. Demonstrate an understanding of a variety of media texts
2. Identify some media forms and explain how the conventions and techniques associated with them are used to create meaning
3. Create a variety of media texts for different purposes and audiences, using appropriate forms, conventions, and techniques
4. Reflect on and identify their strengths, areas for improvement, and the strategies they found most helpful in understanding and creating media texts

## THE FOLLOWING LINKS ARE RELATED TO VARIOUS TOPICS TO DEVELOP THE THEME OF NANUK

Turism - <http://www.churchillwild.com/adventures/nanuk-polar-bear-lodge/>  
Nanook of the North documentary - <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0013427/>  
Game available - <http://www.sjgames.com/nanuk/>  
Meaning of name - <http://thenameofthename.com/nanuk/>  
Encyclopedia - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nanook>  
Video Nanook the TV series - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nanook\\_\(TV\\_Series\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nanook_(TV_Series))  
Video on YouTube - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m4kOIZMqso0>  
Video - <http://www.amazon.com/Cosmos-Global-Documentaries-NANUK-TravelVideoStore-com/dp/B002QVOG56>  
The origin of the name Nanuk - <http://www.first-names-meanings.com/names/name-NANUK.html>  
The origin of the name Nanuk (2) - <http://www.behindthename.com/name/nanuk>  
More from the encyclopedia - [http://www.myetymology.com/encyclopedia/Nanuk\\_the\\_Eskimo.html](http://www.myetymology.com/encyclopedia/Nanuk_the_Eskimo.html)  
Flaherty documentary In Italian - <http://ildocumento.it/cinema/nanuk-leschimese-1922.html>  
Documentary In Italian - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0nN0fiCOXEFlaherty>  
Flaherty documentary In Italian - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0nN0fiCOXE>

### “NANOOK of the NORTH” documentary (1922) by Robert Flaherty

- Considered by film historians as the first long-run documentary in the history of cinema, Nanook of the North(1922) is arguably the most famous film by American documentarist Robert Flaherty. It shows the life of the Inuk people living in the North of Quebec, filming them in their everyday life while they are hunting the walrus, building the igloo or using their kayaks. Milestone and earliest example of documentary genre, Nanook of the North is still impressive for the sense of poetry that permeates every single sequence.

### NANOOK (TV series) CARTOONS in French and in English