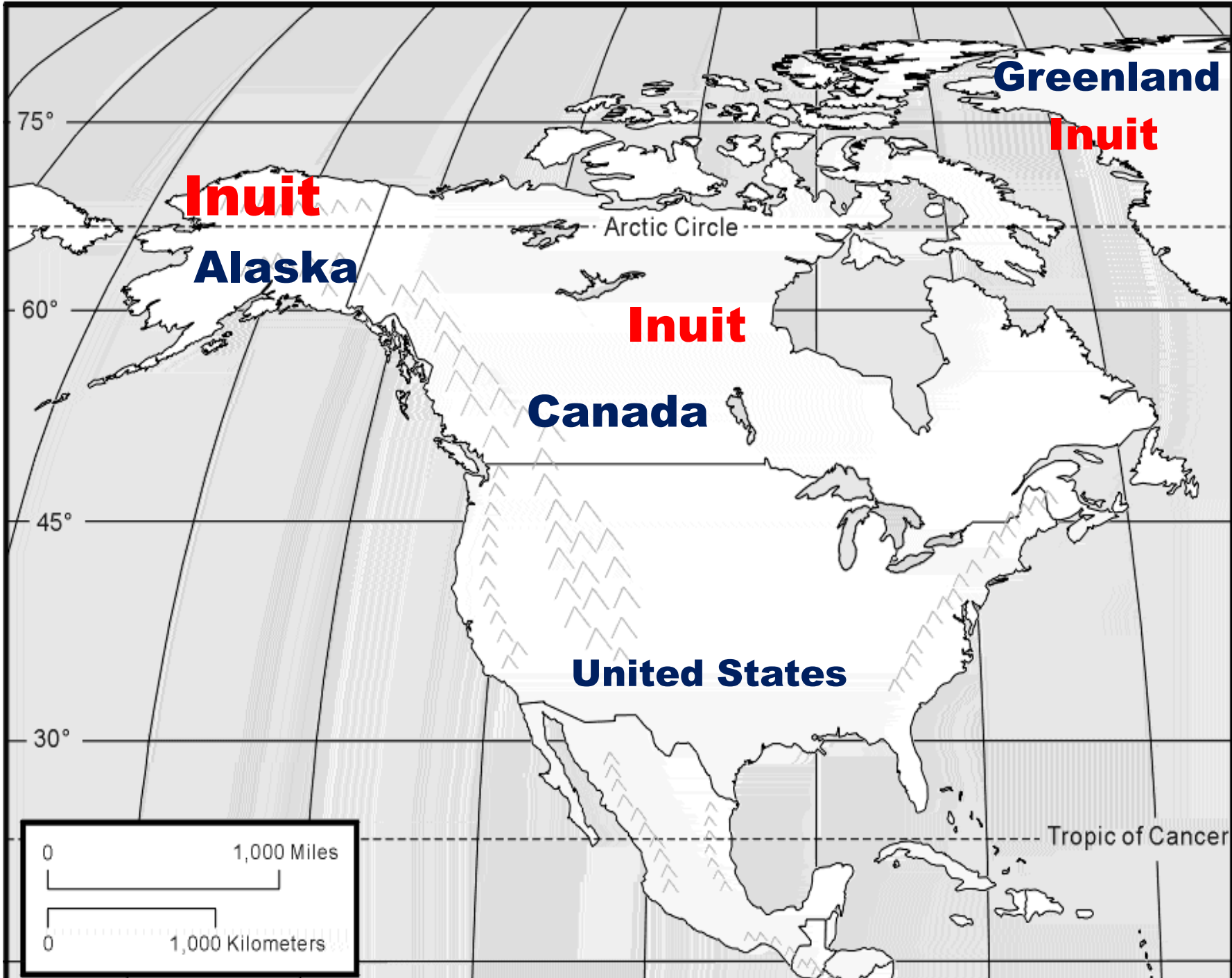


The Inuit

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Arctic winters are very harsh. Snow and ice cover the ground for approximately 9 months of the year.

The Inuit get most of their winter food from the ocean. These men have cut a whole in the ice so they can fish or hunt other animals in the water beneath the ice. This is called ice fishing.



Summer in the Arctic

Although the ice melts, the ground stays frozen. Little vegetation will grow on the frozen tundra.





During the summer, caribou migrate across the Arctic tundra. The Inuit hunt the caribou for meat, skins, antlers, and bones.

**The Inuit hunted walrus for their meat, tusks, and skin.
Boots were often made from seal skin or walrus skin so they
would be warm and waterproof.**





Spear heads made from walrus tusk.



Building a house from blocks of snow and ice. This winter shelter is called an igloo. Why would this house not work in the summer?

For summer shelter, the Inuit hung animal skins on rope that was also made from animals. This shelter is not a tepee because it does not have the long center poles. Trees were not available in the Arctic to use for a traditional tepee. These shelters were easy to move as the Inuit migrated with the caribou during the summer.



The Inuit used kayaks for transportation. Early kayaks were made by wrapping seal skin around a frame made from animal bones. Seal skin was used because it was waterproof.



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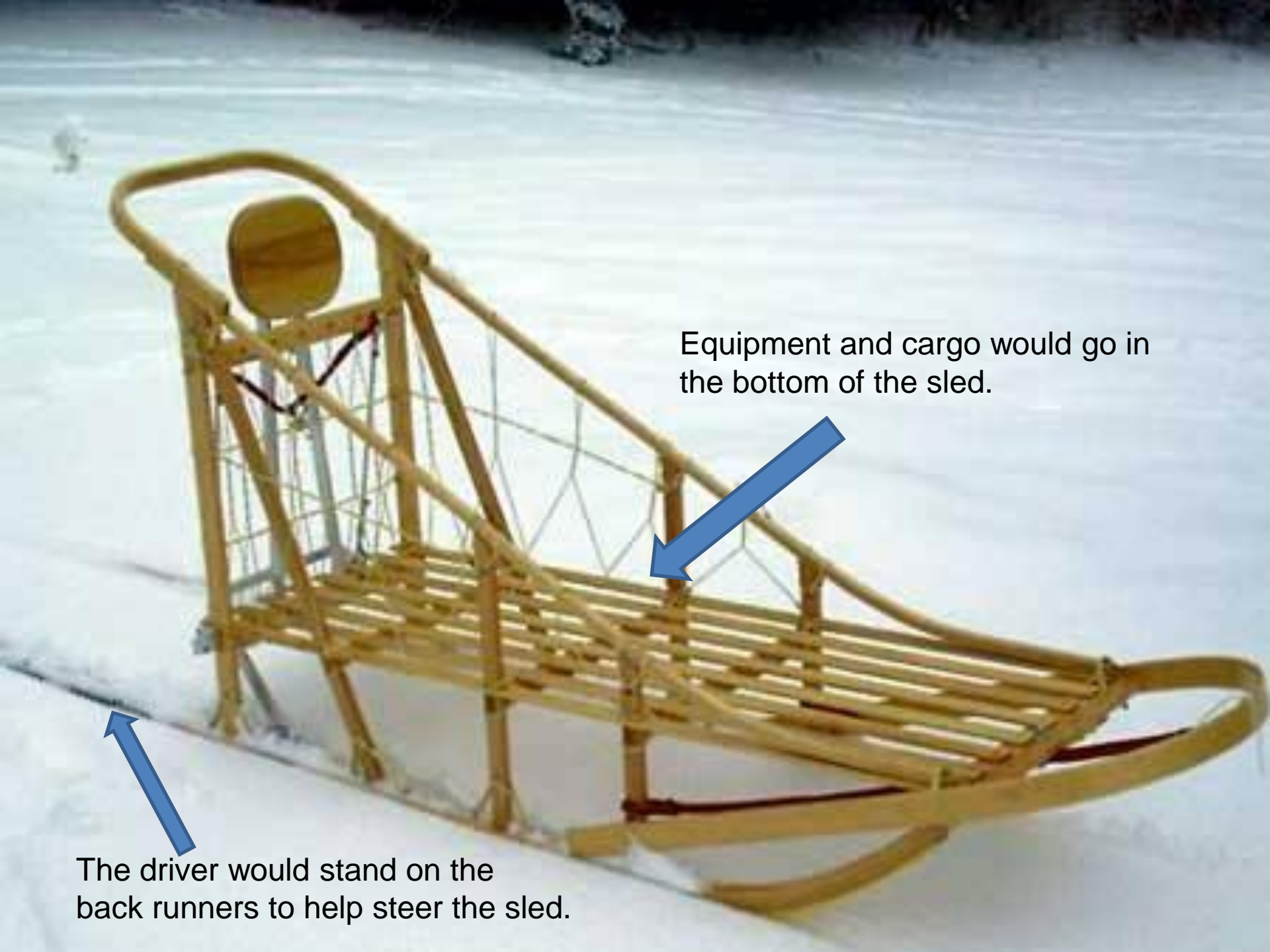
A kayak is similar to a canoe, but it is enclosed across the top.



Dog sleds were used to travel across the snow. A team of dogs would pull each sled







Equipment and cargo would go in the bottom of the sled.



The driver would stand on the back runners to help steer the sled.



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