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**LITERATURE**

THE ESKIMO ARE THE MOST DISPERSED INDIGENOUS GROUP GLOBALLY, SPANNING APPROXIMATELY 4,000 MILES PRIMARILY ALONG THE NORTHERN PERIPHERIES OF THE AMERICAN AND RUSSIAN CONTINENTS. THEIR 3,000-YEAR-OLD CULTURE IS DISTINCT AND NOT SHARED WITH ANY OTHER SUB-POLAR PEOPLES, SUCH AS THE LAPPS. THEIR NOMADIC LIFESTYLE INSTILLED IN THEM AN EXTRAORDINARY RESILIENCE IN PRESERVING THEIR CULTURE OVER VAST DISTANCES.

SNOW BLINDNESS IS A DEBILITATING AND EXCRUCIATING CONDITION THAT POSES AN OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD FOR ARCTIC HUNTERS. THE RETINA OF THE EYE IS DAMAGED BY EXCESSIVE ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION REFLECTED FROM SNOW-COVERED LANDSCAPES. THE USE OF GOGGLES EFFECTIVELY REDUCES THE AMOUNT OF LIGHT ENTERING THE EYE.

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