INUIT ART

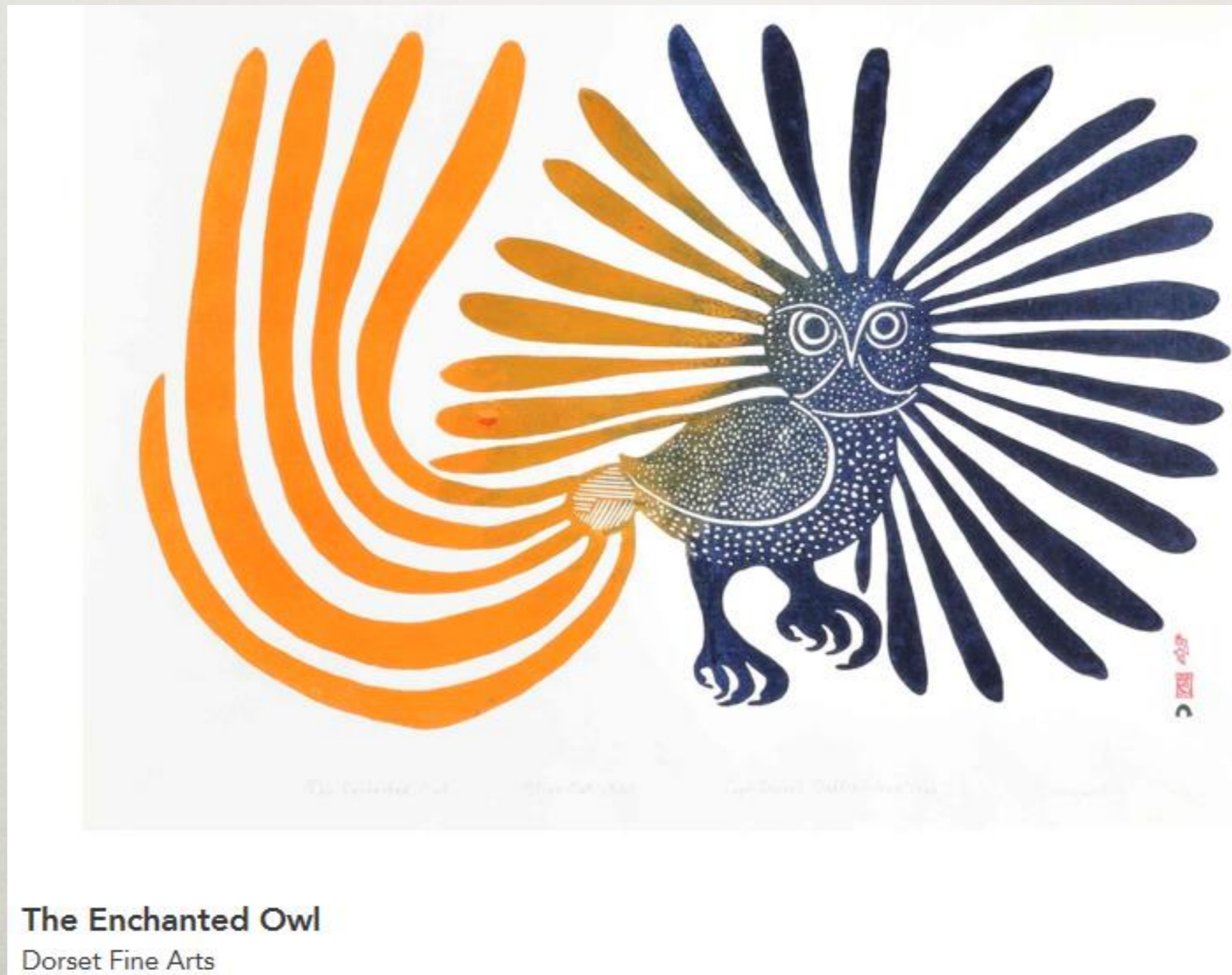Image source: http://www.dorsetfinearts.com/cee-pootoogook-1

Who are the Inuit?

The Inuit are a member of a group of indigenous peoples of northern Alaska, arctic Canada and Greenland.

The language of the Inuit is known as Inuktitut.

The Visual Arts

The Enchanted Owl
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The Visual Arts

- Inuit culture is rich in craft and art
- Techniques and traditions are passed down from generation to generation
- Inuit visual arts most popular forms include textiles, carvings and prints
- Traditional artwork shows the landscapes and animals around the North, or the everyday Inuit life
- Contemporary (modern) art often uses a mix of traditional imagery and media with new technologies (video, film and digital photography)

Miniature beluga whale carving made from bone and ivory.

Prints and printmaking

- The Kinngait Studios in Cape Dorset, Canada, was founded in the 1950s
- Artists like Shuvinai Ashoona, Kananginak Pootoogook and Kenojuak Ashevak created some of the most well-known pieces of Inuit Art
- The style of the prints vary from region to region
- Kinngait prints: often show different animals, like caribou, owls, polar bears, whales, seals and arctic char, in contrasting and bold colours, like Ashevak's 'Enchanted Owl'
- Puvirnituq prints: reflect the everyday life and are usually monochromatic in colour; can also depict stories and legends

The Enchanted Owl
Kenojuak Ashevak

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Here are some examples from Kenojuak Ashevak (1927-2013)

Image source: cbc.ca

To read her biography, please visit
http://www.dorsetfinearts.com/kenojuak-askhevak

The Enchanted Owl

Owl

Source: meriwinkle.blogspot.com/2010/05/kenojuak-ashevak.html

Family of Owls

Promenade

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Mirror Image

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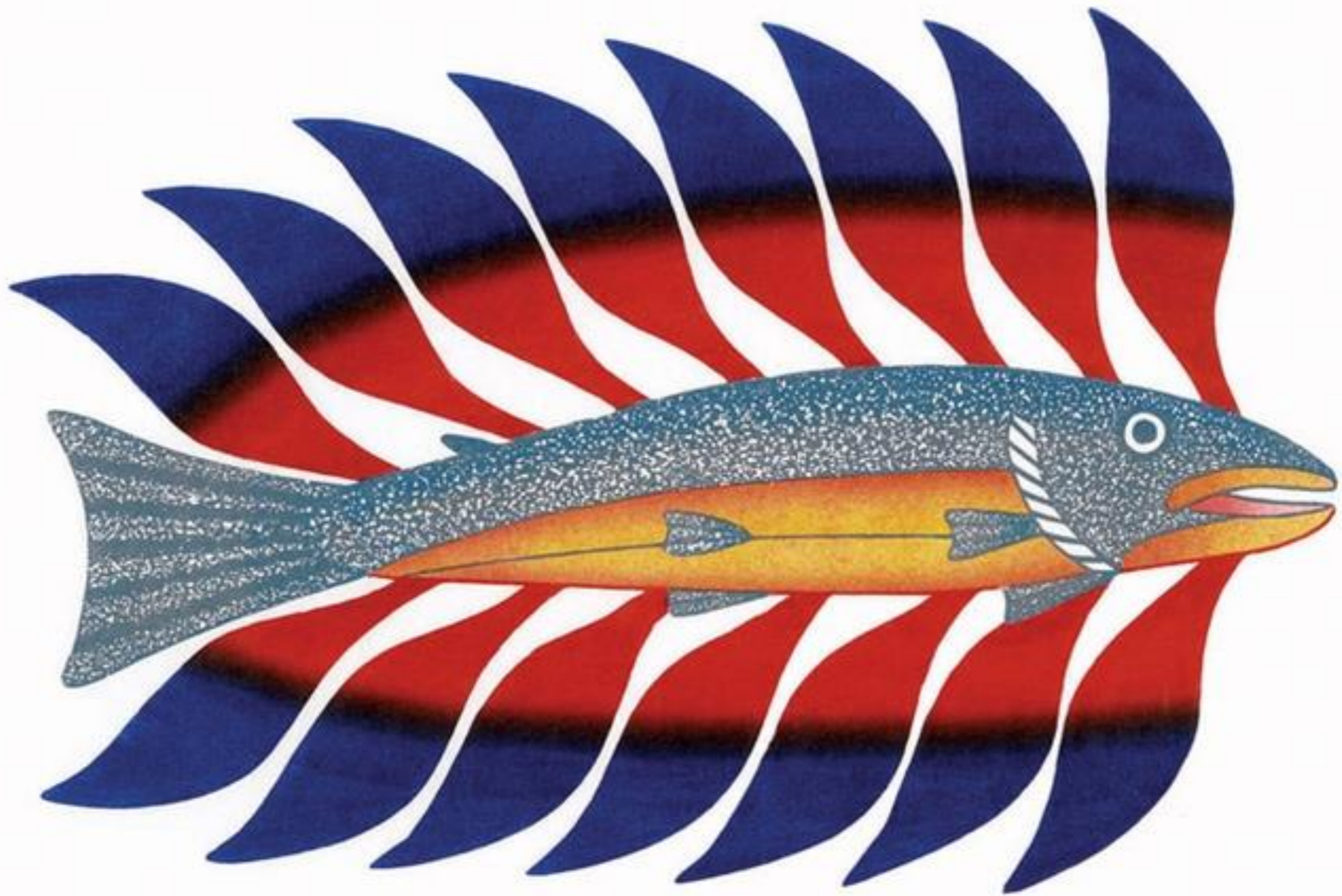http://www.dorsetfinearts.com/kenojuak-askhevak/

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Your art task for this week…

- Choose one of Kenojuak Ashevak's works
- With paints or colouring pencils can you create your own version?
- Why were you inspired to choose the one you did?
- What colours did you use and why?
- Could you create your own version using natural materials?
- Could you create a similar piece of art with your favourite animal(s)?