

ROCK ART, DID YOU SAY?

ANNEX 4 | ROCK ART SITE HISTORICAL ANALYSIS SHEET

Tell-tale Images

From the *Images on Stone* website, choose one of the five rock art sites (Kejimkujik, Pepeshapissinikan, A'isinai'pi, Qajartalik or K'ak'awin).

To answer the following questions, use:

- The page featuring the site that you selected;
- The *Discovery* section of the website, particularly the geographical map and timeline;
- Your knowledge about the Indigenous nations of Canada.

Site Name(s)	Pepeshapissinikan (Nisula)
Meaning of the name	Rock formation with paintings Nisula: family name of Ms. Anne Nisula
Location (province, region, close to...)	Quebec, North Shore
Indigenous culture (nation) associated with the site	Innu
Another known site located nearby	Mikinak, Kejimkujik (information on the map)
Age of the site	2000 years old
How long has this site been active?	2000 years (information on the timeline)
Geographical description (mountain, forest, cliff, river, etc.)	Cliff alongside a lake



<p>What are the dimensions of the site?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of panels - Surface area (m²) 	<p>4 panels covering 14 m²</p>
<p>What technique(s) were used to produce the images?</p>	<p>Painting: Hematite mixed with water or fat, applied with fingers</p>
<p>How was the site discovered?</p>	<p>Anne Nisula, 1985, fishing expedition Also mentioned on a map created by Father Laure between 1731 and 1733</p>
<p>What occurred at this site? Why was this site important for peoples to come there? Why did they create paintings (or carvings) at this site?</p>	<p>The Innu held incantation and purification rites with drums and offerings.</p>
<p>What images (motifs) can be observed at this site? (describe and/or draw)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vertical lines - Geometric motifs - Anthropomorphic and zoomorphic figures - Canoe
<p>What can these images teach us about the Indigenous culture that created them?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spirituality: Memekwueshuat, a character living in rock cavities who transmits medicine knowledge and plays tricks on people - Spirituality: Shaman - Spirituality: Manitou - Spirituality: Canoe as a crossing point - Spirituality: Snake into the underworld
<p>Based on all your observations, for what purpose did the Indigenous peoples use this site?</p>	<p>Spirituality, sacred site, ceremonial site</p>
<p>Why is this site important to today's Indigenous peoples?</p>	<p>The site maintains a connection with their ancestors and a sense of belonging to their territory. Ceremonies are still held at the site.</p>

Definition of words in texts that I have had to search for:	
Anthropomorphic	In human form