

**KEY:** Comprehension questions for [the video](#)

**“Savoonga residents describe changes in spring sea ice”:**

1. What do residents say is different about sea ice the year this video was made?  
(sea ice is gone earlier than normal)
2. What is the difference between the length of winters over the years?  
(3 months long vs 8-9 months)
3. What has happened to the quality of the ice?  
(it gets thinner, which means it's harder to use the ice to hunt)
4. What is shore-fast ice?  
(ice that is attached to the shoreline, which makes it easier to hunt and prevents shoreline erosion)
5. What do the residents frequently hunt?  
(walrus)
6. How much native food do some residents rely on?  
(90% or more)
7. What are some other sources of native foods besides walrus?  
(reindeer, seabirds, whale, seals)
8. What is the importance of the spring hunt for residents?  
(it determines how well the village eats for the year)
9. Do residents feel the changes they see are coming quickly or slowly?  
(quickly)
10. Look at the view of the village of Savoonga from 3:00-3:09. What are two advantages of living in a remote island community like this? What are two disadvantages, in your opinion?  
(student answers should vary)
11. Describe something from the video that surprised you or made you think differently about how other people live and survive.  
(student answers will vary)

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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Watch the video linked above and answer the questions below. Suggestion: Watch the video in its entirety, then replay and stop when necessary to answer the questions.

1. What do residents say is different about sea ice the year this video was made?

2. What is the difference between the length of winters over the years?

3. What has happened to the quality of the ice?

4. In your own words, what is shore-fast ice?

5. What do the residents frequently hunt?

6. How much native food do some residents rely on?

7. What are some other sources of native foods besides walrus?

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10. Look at the view of the village of Savoonga from 3:00-3:09. What are two advantages of living in a remote island community like this? What are two disadvantages, in your opinion? Support your answer with specific details.

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