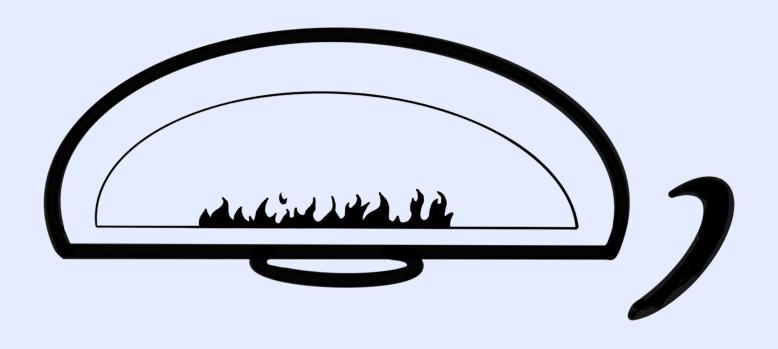
# Section 3: FEELINGS & EMOTIONS

We never get over great losses; we absorb them, and often, they change us into kinder, gentler people.

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# FOSTERING GOOD SPIRIT BY BEING OPEN, WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE

### IQ PRINCIPLE REFLECTION

**Tunnganarniq:** Fostering good spirits by being open, welcoming and inclusive.

Let's take a few moments to settle in, relax your shoulders and take a few slow deep breaths.

Fostering good spirits allows us to be who we are in the spaces we come into, and allows space for others to feel welcomed as they are. By being open and welcoming, Inuit remove the opportunity for shame to take up space when connecting with others.

What does fostering good spirits and being welcoming to the different people in your community mean to you? What does it look or sound like? Are there ways you might have been welcomed in a good and memorable way? What stood out to you?

Retlect on some of these interactions and consider how you might toster
spaces like this for yourself and others.

Remember that you are Water.

Cry.

Cleanse.

Flow.

Let go.

# WHAT DO YOU WISH WAS DIFFERENT WITH HOW YOU ARE FEELING TODAY?

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"I know we all have lost count of how many people we've lost in our lives as Inuit. We must keep going, we keep our hands busy, that keeps our minds busy. While we keep busy, we think of them. How would they want us to continue without them? We keep living, helping, loving, giving, and move forward. That's the best thing we can do to remember them."



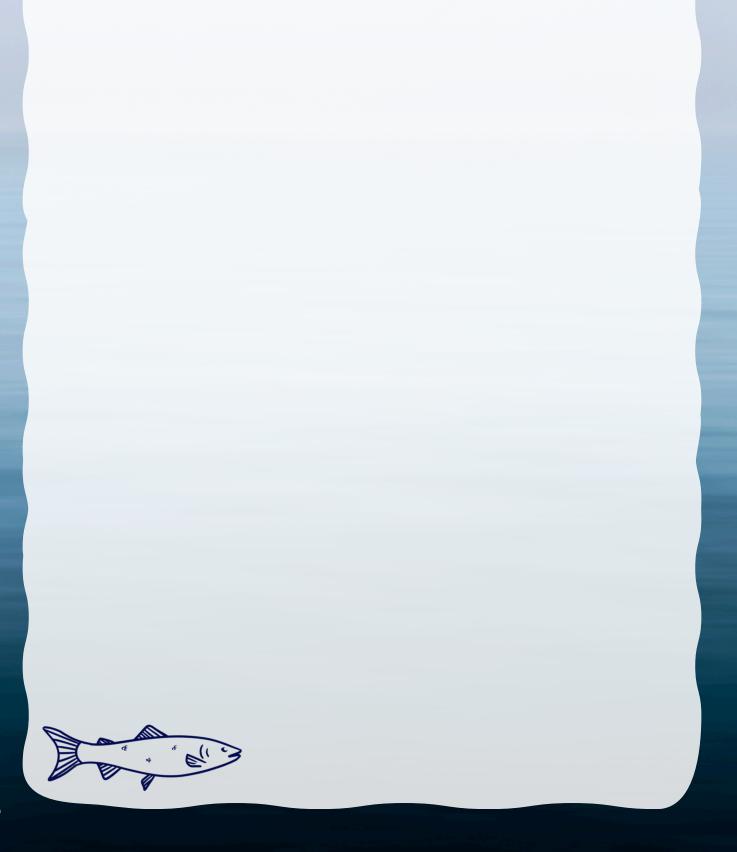
RELIEVES STRESS

ELEVATES YOUR MOOD

RELIEVES PAIN

REMOVES TOXINS FROM YOUR SYSTEM

HELPS YOU SLEEP



# WHAT ARE SOME WAYS TO MANAGE INTENSE EMOTIONS WITHOUT BEING RULED BY THEM?



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# WHAT WORDS PROVIDE COMFORT TO YOU WHEN YOU ARE HURTING INSIDE?

What would you want others to say to you to provide comfort? Write a few statements here and then practice saying them to yourself either out loud or under your breath.

# LET'S TAKE A MOMENT TO FOCUS ON JOY, EVEN IF IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE

What are some things that make you feel happy and fulfilled? List what they are and why they make you feel happy. You can create this list over time.

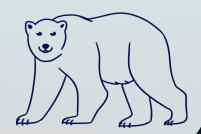
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## MY FEELINGS









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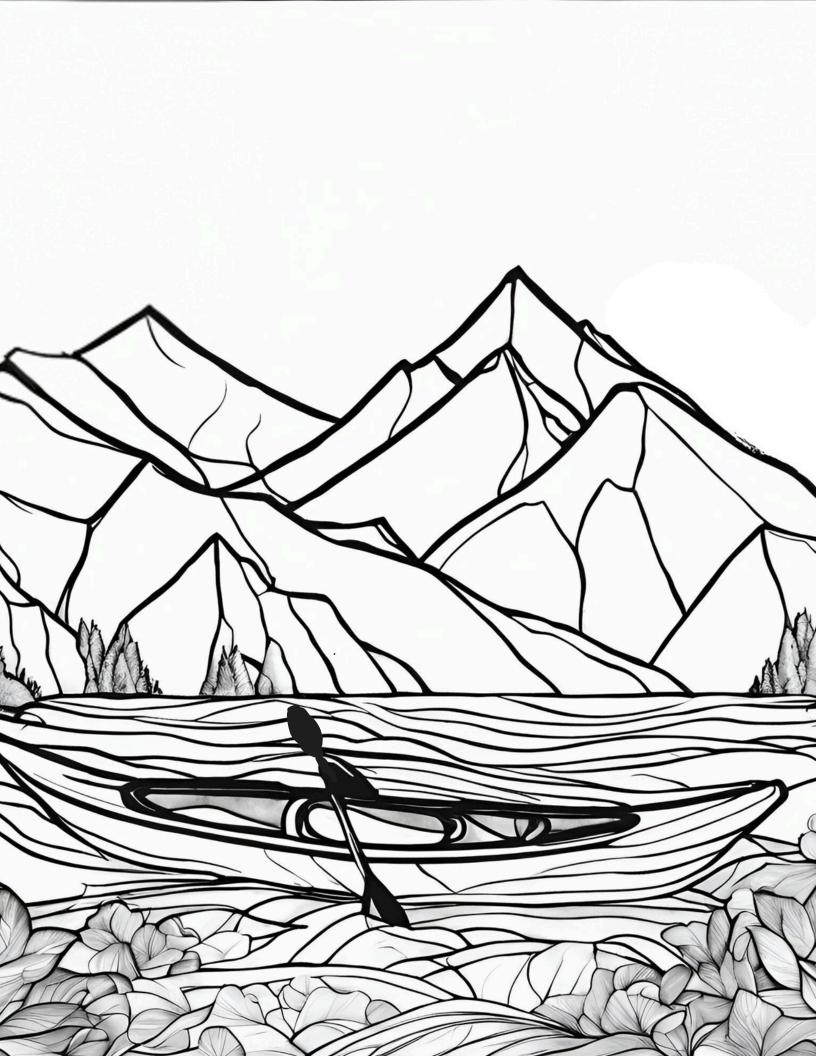


The more you feel your feelings...



The easier it gets to understand them.

# OUR EMOTIONS CAN FEEL LIKE SWIMMING IN THE DEEPEST PART OF THE OCEAN, THERE'S SOMETHING SO LONELY ABOUT IT. HAVE YOU FELT THIS WAY?



What activities make you happy and give you energy - mentally and physically? Examples: Coffee in the morning, hugs, and puppies.

### MAKE YOUR OWN LIST HERE:

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## BENEFITS OF POSITIVE THINKING

- Helps to manage stress and anxiety
- Improved mood
- Decreased muscle tension

- Increased desire for creativity
- Improved quality of life
- Decreased worry

"Positive thinking involves focusing on the positives and replacing negative thoughts with a more optimistic outlook. This can include positive self-talk, positive imagery, and building self-esteem."

# WRITE...

"It is important to notice you are feeling the grief, acknowledge it and accept it. Then try to act on it in a positive way, such as crying, talking to someone, taking a few moments to ground yourself again. Do something productive that you enjoy, keeping yourself busy."

- Samantha Tugak-Brown, Rankin Inlet

# Section 4: COPING WITH GRIEF

It is important to realize that your life changes following a traumatic loss. It is important to take care of yourself, and know your limits. Many people may want to help initially, and may want you to do things which you are not ready to do. Know that you can set your own limits in what you can and cannot do at this time. Find people who will allow you to be yourself and let you talk about your loved one openly. Realize that you will experience many emotions during this time, so be patient with yourself. There may be times that you need to reach out for help beyond your normal support network. You may also find comfort in Qulliq lighting with Elders and loved ones or praying. And there may be other traditional practices which will help you during this difficult time.

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RESPECT AND CARE FOR THE LAND, ANIMALS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### IQ PRINCIPLE REFLECTION

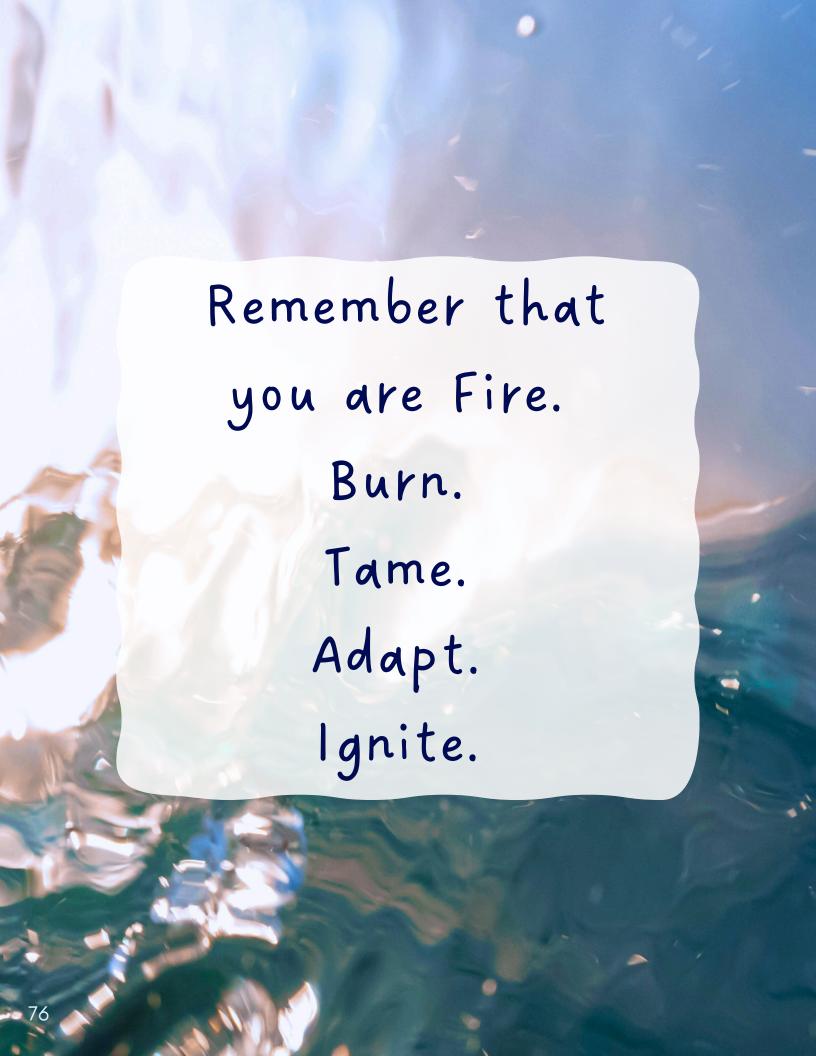
**Avatittinnik Kamatsiarniq:** Respect and care for the land, animals and environment.

Let's settle in and take a few deep breaths, relax your shoulders and think of your favourite animal or scenery on the land or waters. Let's begin when you are ready.

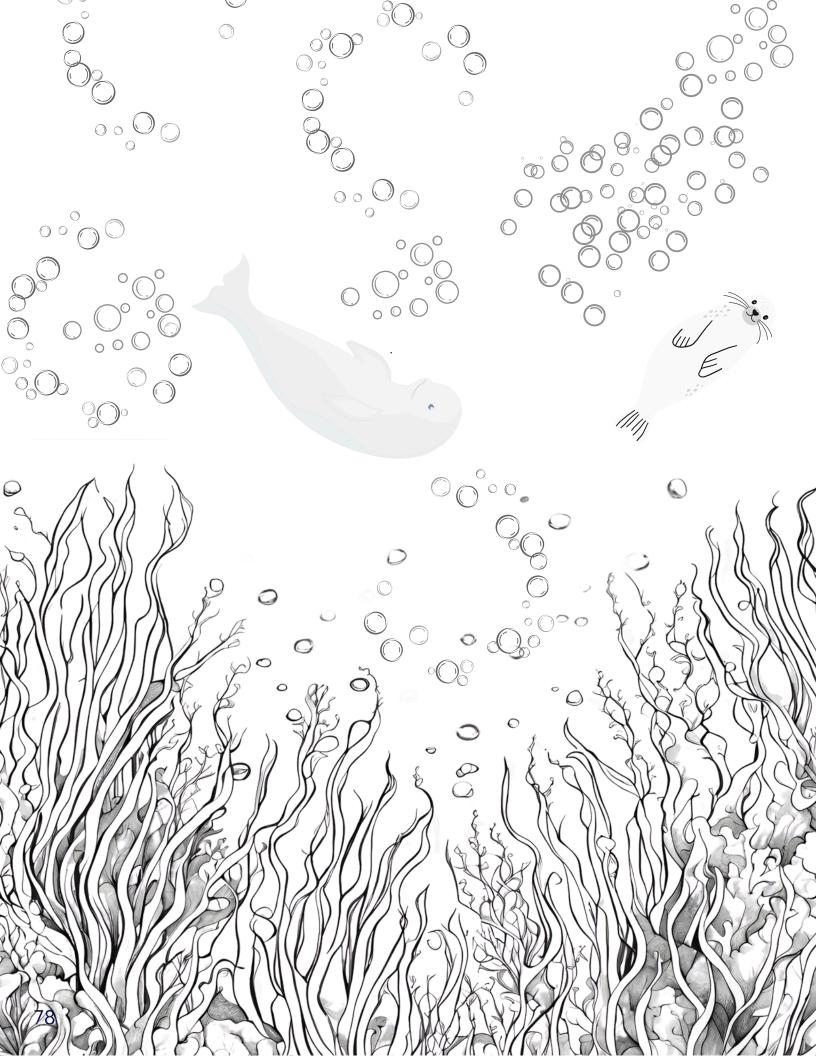
Relying on the earth to live means we also rely on our relationship to nature, the animals and ourselves as humans.

A foundation of respect, gratitude and care for the land and animals is a core aspect of lnuit ways of knowing and being. Our impact as humans in these environments are heavy, so it is beneficial to live in a good way with nature while we are here.

What ways can we embody respect and care for the land, animals and environment? What are your favourite ways to embody this principle? Some examples can be community trash pick ups, hunting with respect for the animals, holding on to trash until near a garbage can or sharing food with hungry animals.



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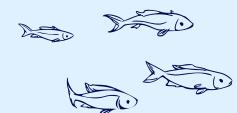
# WHAT PEOPLE, EVENTS, OR PLACES TRIGGER SADNESS RELATED TO YOUR LOSS?

List your triggers and potential strategies to use when you feel triggered or overwhelmed by sadness.

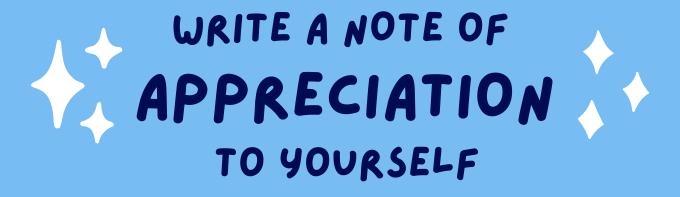






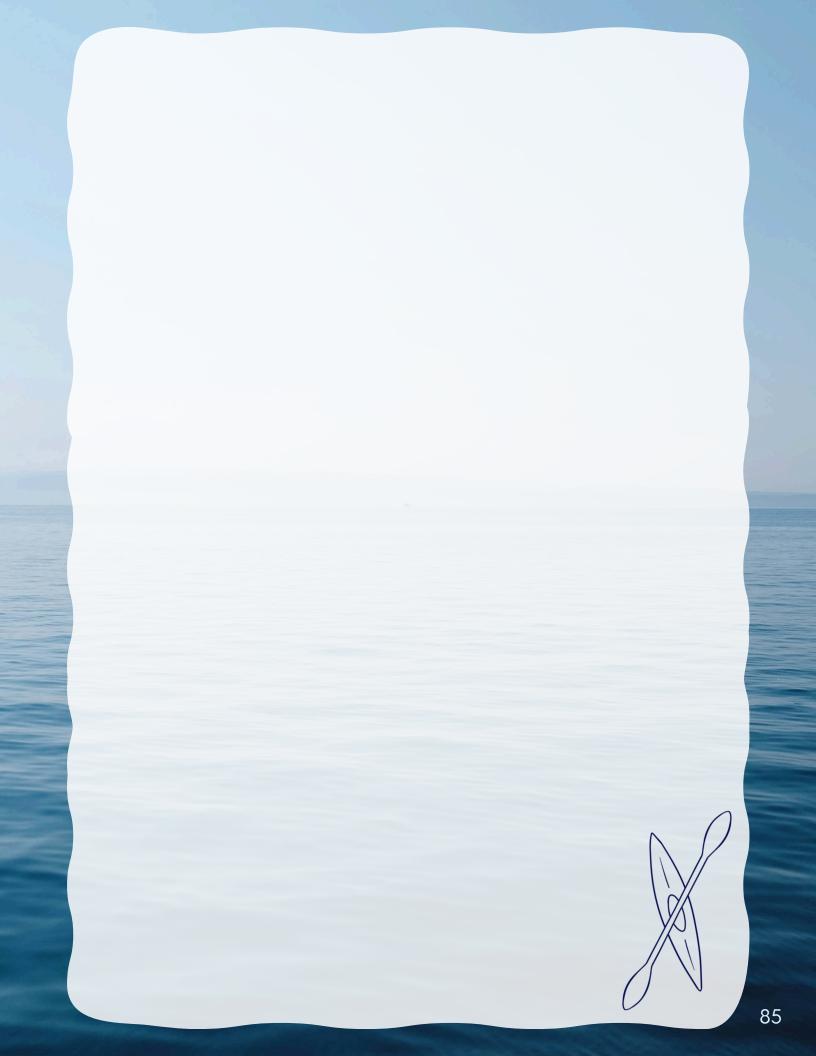






# WHAT RELATIONSHIPS OR ACTIVITIES BRING YOU MEANING AND PURPOSE?

WHAT HEALTH ISSUES (MENTAL OR PHYSICAL) AM I STRUGGLING WITH NOW AND WHAT STEPS DO I NEED TO TAKE TO IMPROVE MY HEALTH?				
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# HOW DO YOU COPE WITH STRESS?