

DWF LIVE WITH BECKY HAN WORKSHEET

SUGGESTED AGES:

ELEMENTARY,
MIDDLE SCHOOL

VIDEO LINK:

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=S3KBDRLM-JO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3KBDRLM-JO)

ABOUT BECKY HAN:



Becky (Koonoo) Han is an Inuk singer, songwriter, and author originally from Arctic Bay, Nunavut now residing on Treaty 6 territory. Primarily written for adults, Han's music focuses on the themes of life, love, and struggle and are written in her native language, Inuktitut. In 2021, Becky became an author when her award-winning song, "Qaariaq," was made into a children's book through Inhabit Media. Sharing music that is written in Inuktitut is something Becky is very passionate about; not only does it help keep the language alive, but it also helps her feel closer to the community she grew up in.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS:

Becky shares music, her story about a bee, and the Inuktitut language with us in this fun and engaging DWF LIVE.

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

1. Becky grew up in Nunavut but currently resides in a different part of Canada. Which part of Canada does she mention in her land acknowledgement?

2. How does writing music in Inuktitut help to keep Becky's language alive and keep her connected to her people and community?

3. What was your favourite part of Becky's book?

4. What words did Becky teach us in Inuktitut?

5. The tools Becky showcases are very different than some of the tools you might find at a hardware store. How do you think these tools are made? What are they used for?

6. Draw some of the tools Becky showed us in the space below:

7. Becky has many talents including singing, playing guitar, writing, and speaking fluent Inuktitut. What is one talent of Becky's you'd like to have?

ACTIVITY: WORD WALL

Write out five words that were said that are new, different, or interesting to you. You can draw, write, or doodle them. What do you think those words mean or look like?

Teachers might take your work and place it on a wall to create space for further inquiry. Students and teachers can share what they think the words mean and why they were highlighted.

Here are a few words and terms that Becky shared in Inuktitut:

Qaariaq = the word used by children to shoo away bumblebees

Apita = Becky's Inuktitut name

Mailuaq = Ugh! Too much!

Inuit = The people

Inuk = one person

Draw, doodle or sketch them out:

TIMESTAMPS:

0:00 – 00:38 Countdown

00:38 – 3:38 – Joe Grabowski introduces Becky Han.

3:40 – Becky takes over doing land acknowledgement and provides a bit of background about singing and writing in Inuktitut. She teaches the students the Inuktitut word, Qaariaq, a word used by children to shoo away bumblebees.

5:17 – 10:11 Becky reads her book, "The Bee".

10:25 – 14:30 – Becky sings the song "The Bee" or "Qaariaq" in Inuktitut.

14:31 – Host returns to bring the students on and ask Becky questions.

34:40 – Becky sings another song.

36:52 – Thanks to everyone for joining!

Run Time: 37:53 minutes

Original air date: Oct 21, 2021

RESOURCES:

BECKY HAN

[HTTPS://DOWNIEWENJACK.CA/OUR-WORK/ARTIST-AMBASSADOR-PROGRAM/#BECKYHAN](https://downiewenjack.ca/our-work/artist-ambassador-program/#beckyhan)

BECKY HAN ON TIK TOK

[@KOONOO.HAN](https://www.tiktok.com/@koonoo.han)

LEGACY SCHOOLS RESOURCES

[HTTPS://DOWNIEWENJACK.CA/OUR-WORK/LEGACY-SCHOOLS-PROGRAMS/RESOURCES/](https://downiewenjack.ca/our-work/legacy-schools-programs/resources/)

The Legacy Schools program is a free national initiative to engage, empower and connect students and educators to further reconciliation through awareness, education, and action (#reconciliACTION).

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