



Maajii-Ojibwemowag

They Begin to Speak Ojibwe

Manoominikeyaang

Stories of the Plants: A Zhaawanong Book



Manoomin and the Ojibwe

Manoomin (wild rice) is an important food to the Ojibwe people. The migration story of how the Ojibwe came to the Midwest features a prophecy which foretells their travel from the east along the various waterways, searching for a place where is “food that grows upon the water.” The Ojibwe traveled and settled along the Great Lakes when they came upon manoomin growing in lakes and along rivers in the Gichigami region. Manoomin plays a pivotal part in the lives of the Ojibwe people who would travel to wild rice beds in the autumn, creating camps to process the wild rice to store it for the future.

(Manoomin Teacher/Caregiver Supplemental Document)

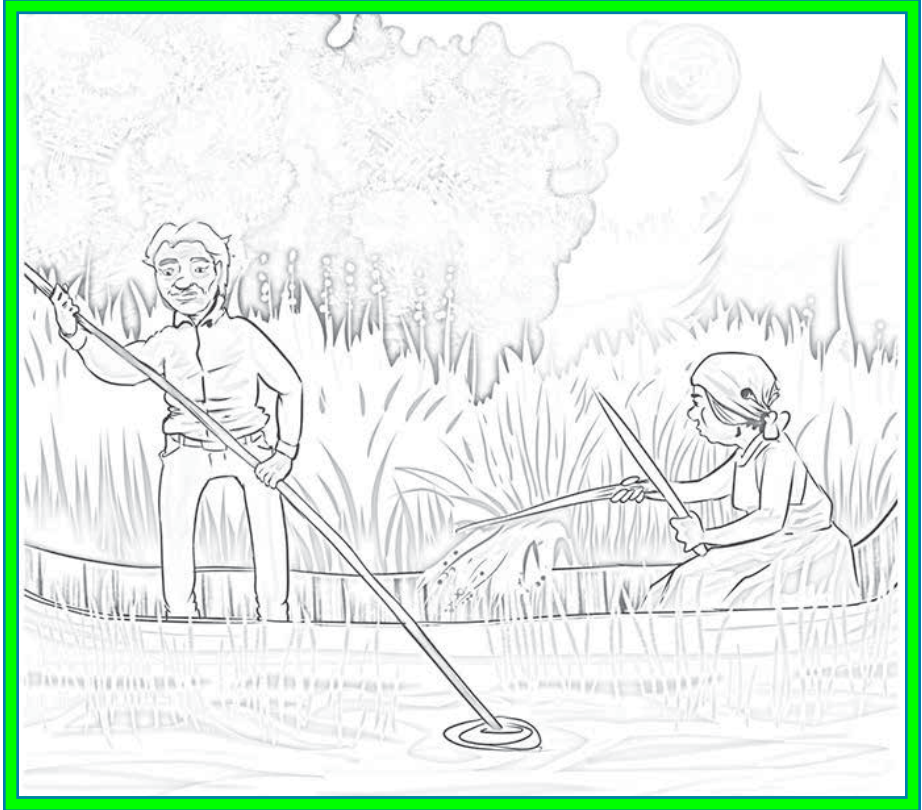


For more information

Zhaawanong: Stories of the Plants is produced by GLIFWC’s Administration for Native Americans Language Preservation and Maintenance project. There are four sets of books in this series: *Waabaanong: Stories of the Four-legged*, *Zhaanong: Stories of the Plants*, *Ningaabii’anong: Stories of the Swimmers*, and *Giwwedinong: Stories of the Flyers*.

Interactive webpages have been developed as a companion resource to Maajii-Ojibwemowag. The webpage (glifwc-inwe.com) features digital versions of the storybooks with audio and simple animations, and age-appropriate language learning games.

A printables webpage provide a PDF version of each storybook, supplemental documents, and a coloring book adapted from each storybook can be downloaded and printed for free.



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