



Giwii-baaga’adowe na?

Do you want to play lacrosse?

The game baaga’adowewin, also called lacrosse, used to be played only by Native people on Turtle Island (North America), but when European missionaries and colonists began living here in the 1600’s, they wanted Native people to stop playing.

They thought the game was bad and that people who played were too violent. They didn’t know that it was a good game given to tribes by the manidoog (spirits) to help them avoid wars and other conflicts.

Then, in the 1800’s, the settlers wanted the game for themselves, so they took it, changed the rules to suit themselves, and made it really hard for Native people to play.

Soon, the original game stopped being played commonly in the Great Lakes region, but now, Anishinaabe people are playing again to honor their history, the manidoog, and their communities.



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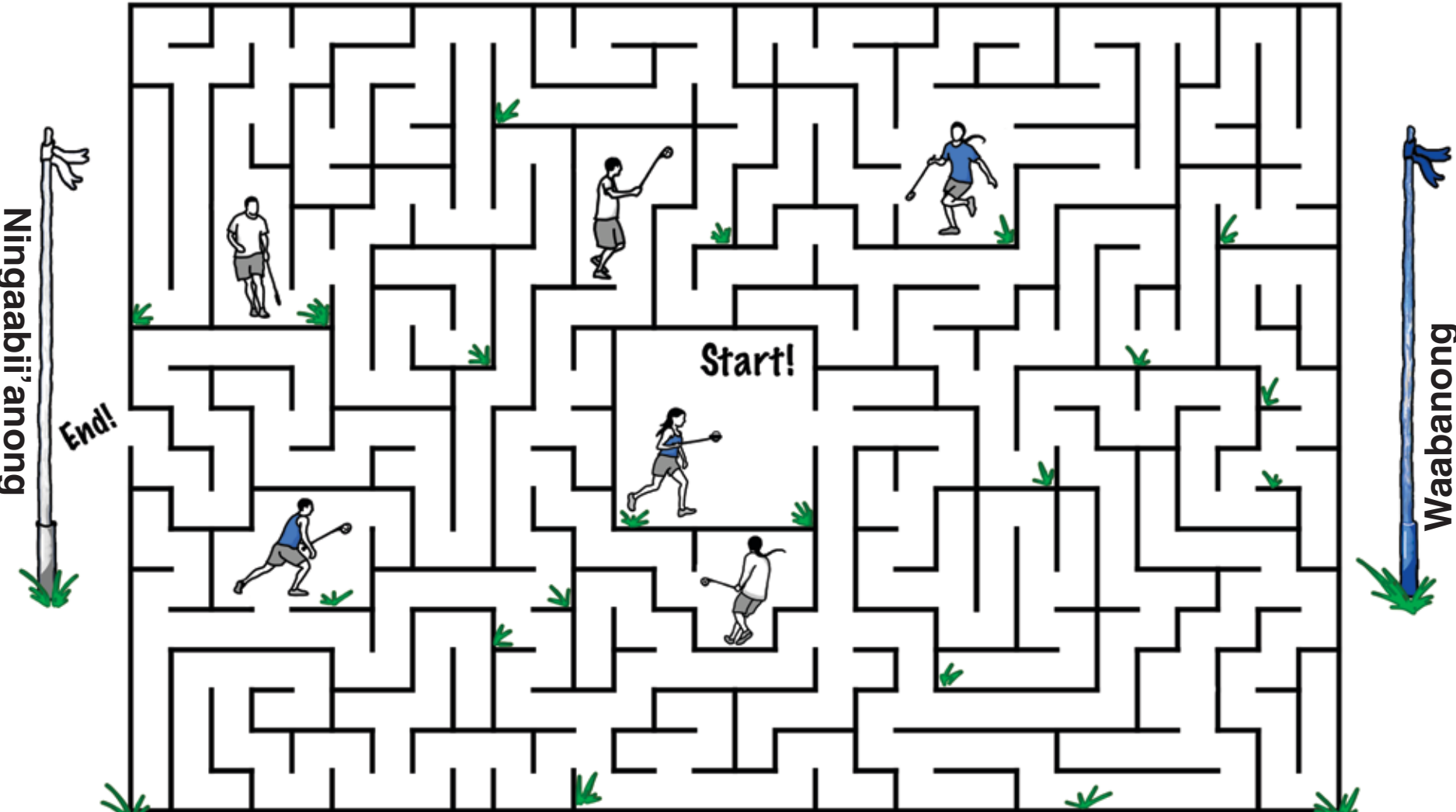
Early 19th century Native American baaga’adowaan.

Color the baaga’adowewin picture.

Maze instructions: “You are on team Waabanong (blue), and you have the ball in your baaga’adowaan (lacrosse stick)! Run and touch it to team Ningaabii’anong’s pole to score!” (answer on page 22)

Ojibwemowin

waabanong—in the east
ningaabii’anong—in the west
baaga’adowaan—lacrosse stick
baaga’adowewin—lacrosse
baaga’adowewinini—lacrosse player
baaga’adowe—s/he plays lacrosse



(baaga’adowewin graphics by B. Paulsen)