



TOMAQUAG MUSEUM PRESENTS...

Neepun ut Keeteaônk Water Is Life



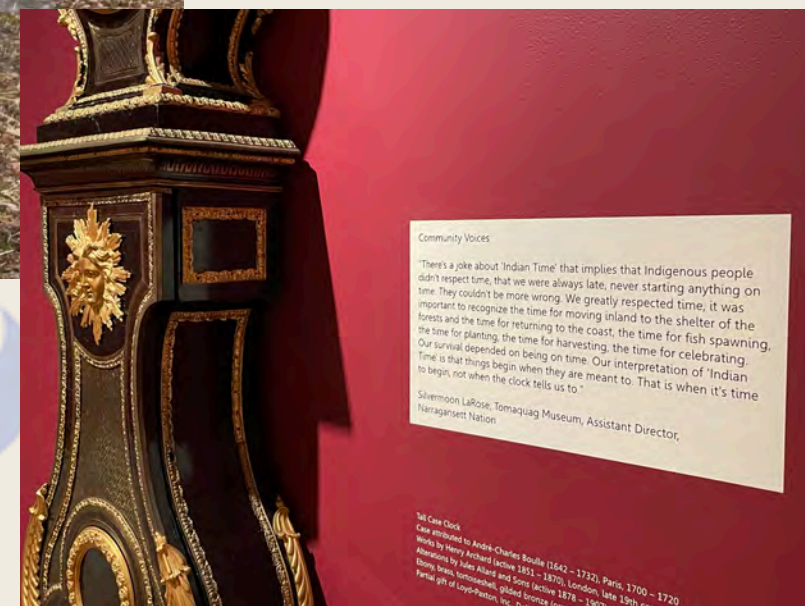
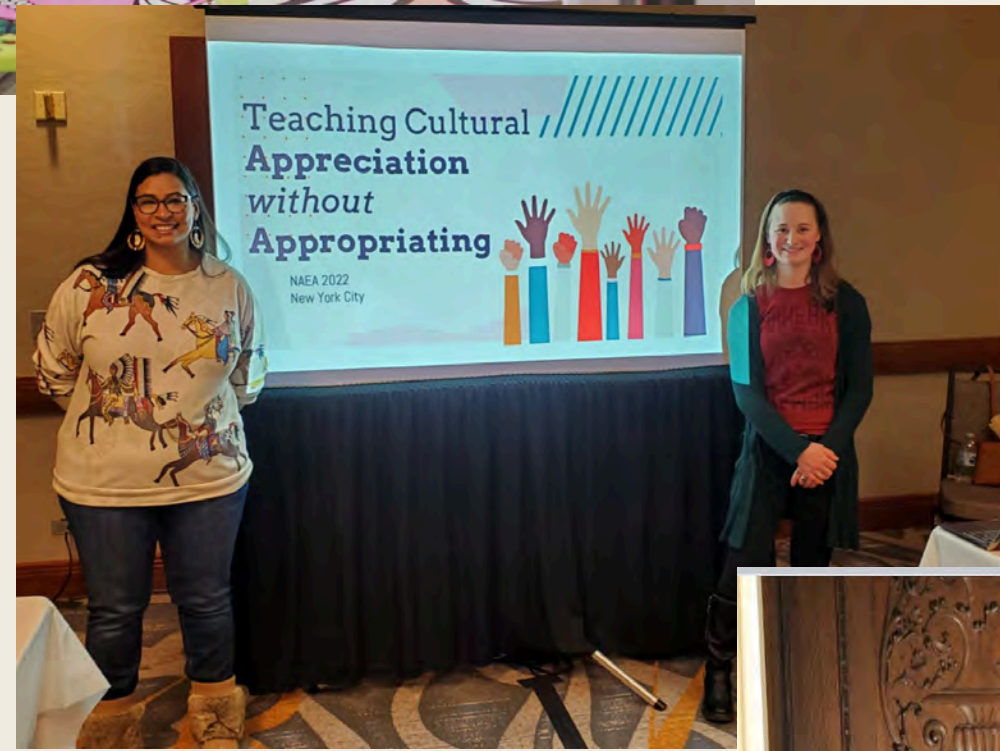
Creator

Cultural Bearer

Auntie

Protector

Storyteller



Artist
Sociologist
Counselor
Conservationist
Curator

YOU HAVE \$25



2 Bedroom Home

\$3

Used Vehicle

\$3

Trip once per year

\$3

3 Square Meals

\$3

Recreation once
per month

\$3

3 Bedroom Home

\$5

New Vehicle

\$5

Trip once per
quarter

\$5

3 Square Meals
Plus Dining Out
once per week

\$5

Recreation once
per week

\$5

4+ Bedroom Home

\$10

Luxury Vehicle

\$10

Trip once per
month

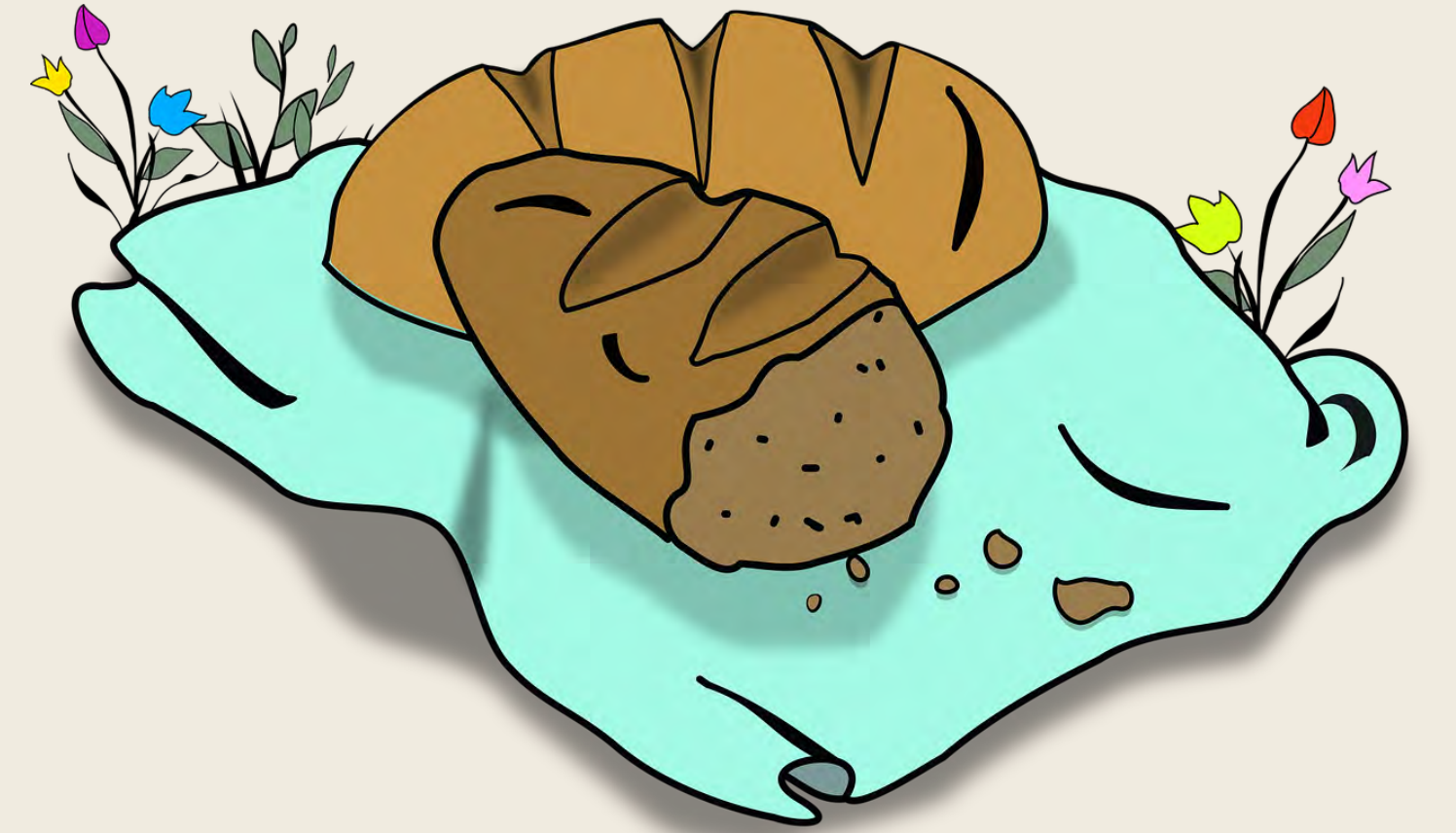
\$10

Whatever you
want to eat,
whenever

\$10

Unlimited
Recreation

\$10



10 minute showers
3 times/week
\$3

Wild Flower Lawn
\$0

Swimming in
lakes/streams/
oceans
\$3

Water saving flush
toilet
\$3

Full loads of
laundry on lowest
water setting for
shorter cycle
\$3

5 minute daily shower
\$7

Food Garden
\$7

Small above
ground pool
\$10

Regular flush toilet
\$10

Full loads on any
settings
\$10

Unlimited Showers
& Baths
\$15

Perfectly
Manicured Lawn
\$15

In-ground Pool
\$15

Toilet & Bidet
\$15

Laundry
whenever,
however
\$15



“For every drop of water you waste, you must know that somewhere on earth someone is desperately looking for a drop of water!”

– Mehmet Murat ildan



Why is it important to protect our water resources?

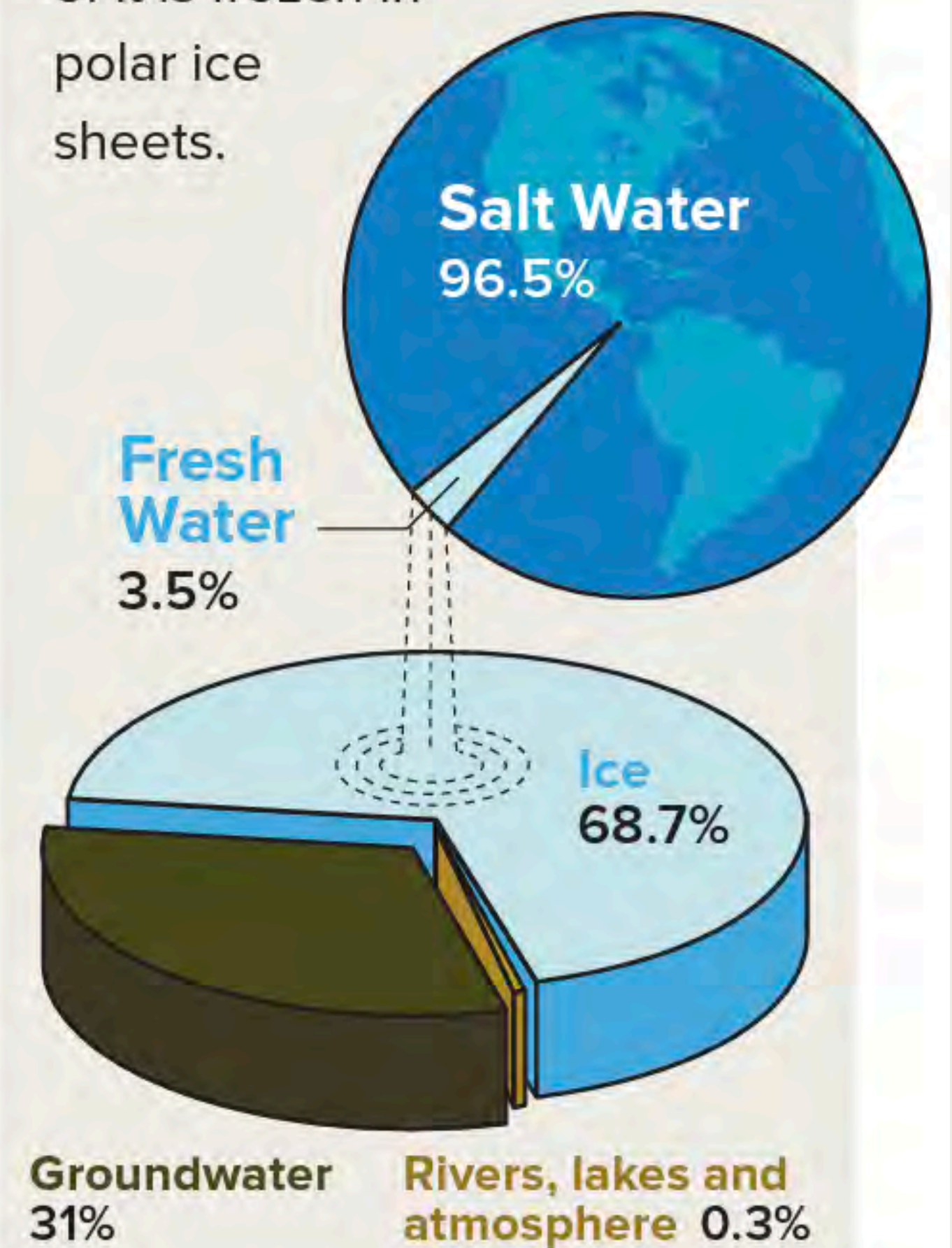


How Much Water Is There?

Water covers 71% of earth's surface
but only 3.5% is drinkable

Total Distribution of Earth's Water

Only 3.5% of all the water on Earth is fresh water, and most of it is frozen in polar ice sheets.

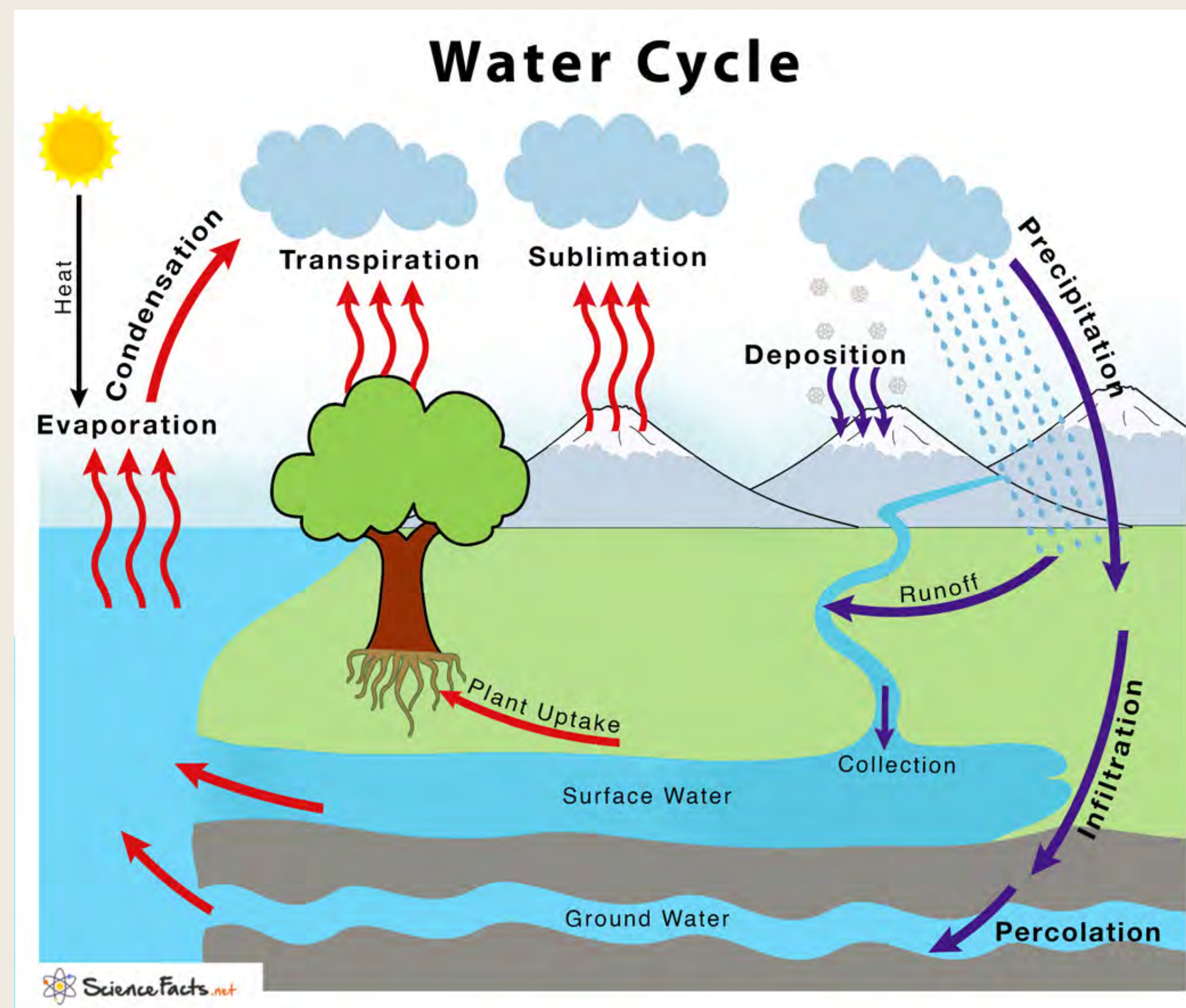


Info source: www.usgs.gov



How Much Water Is There?

- Earth has all the water it has ever had or will ever have
- We are drinking from the same pool of water as our ancestors!
- The water cycle introduces all types of pollution into our water supply
- About 2 billion people live without access to clean drinking water

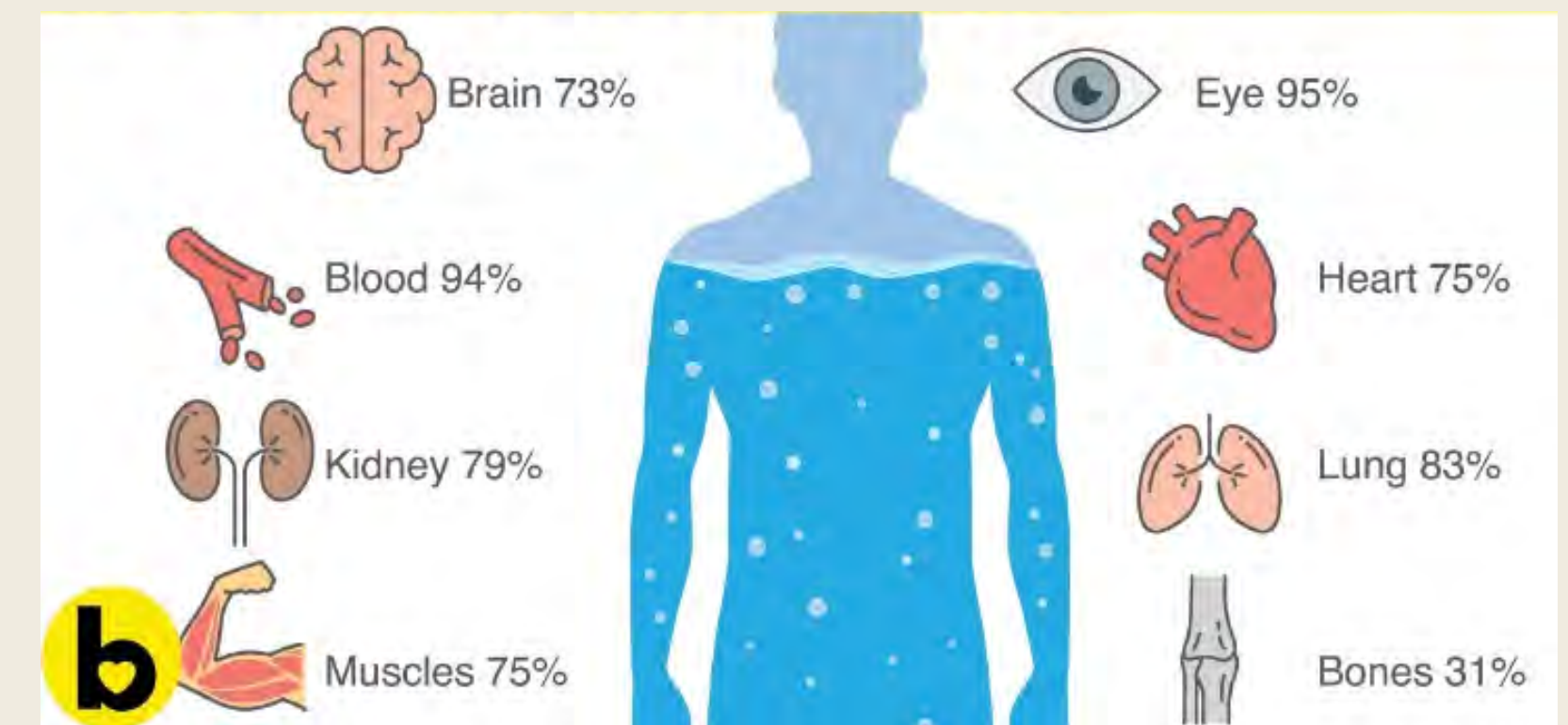
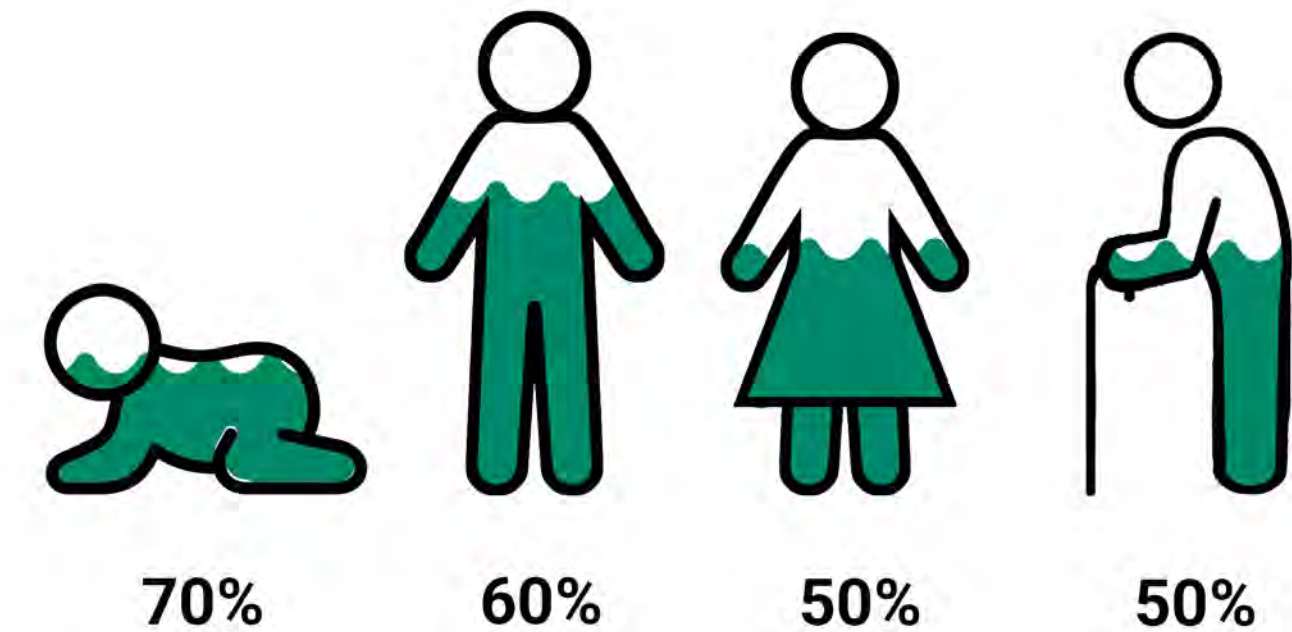


We Are Water

- It would be fatal to lose just 12-15% of total body fluid
- You could die from dehydration in just 3-4 days
- Your body needs between 11-15 cups of water each day (approx. 3/4 gallon to a full gallon)



Percentage of Body Made up of Water



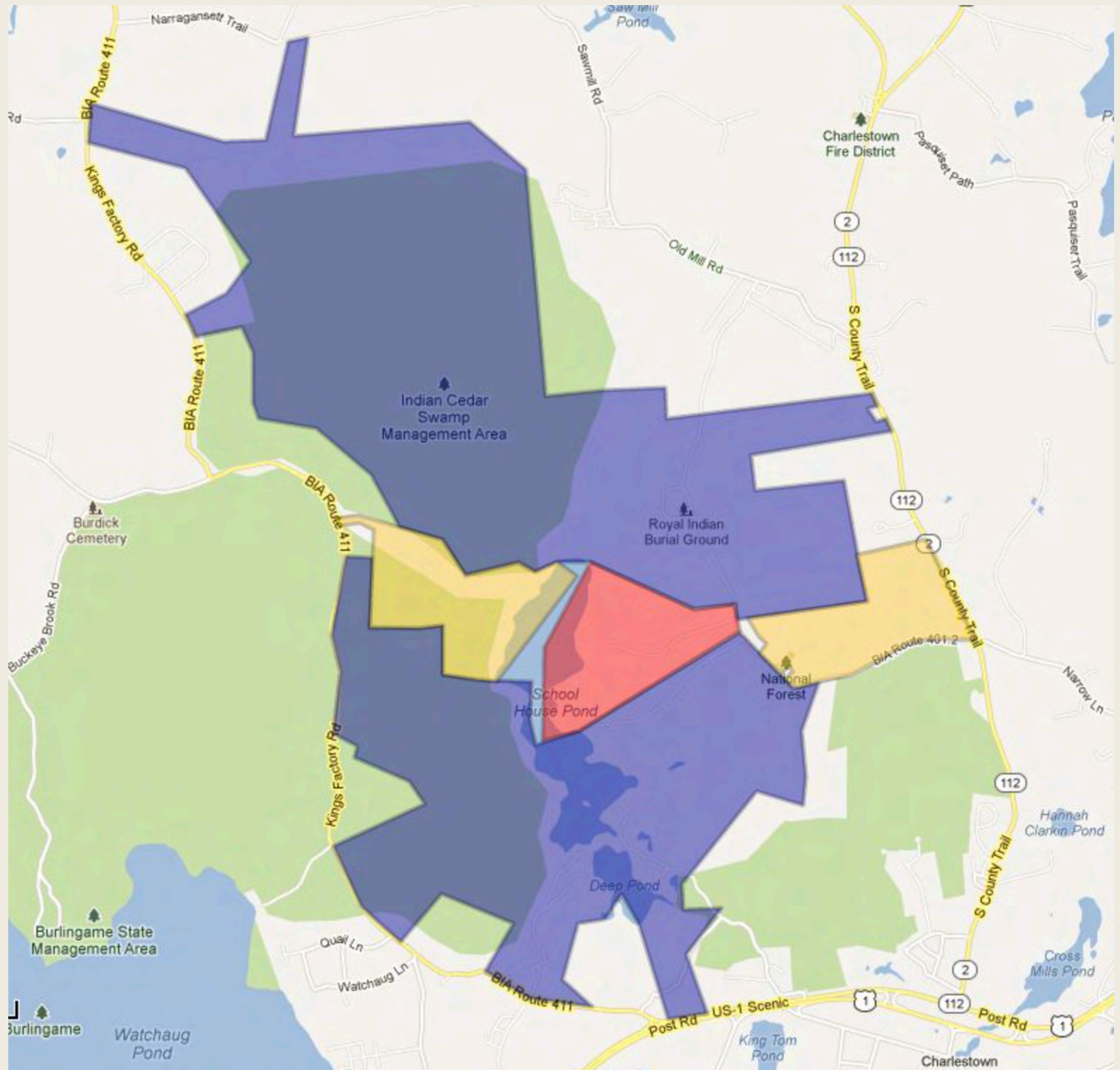
Water As Identity

- Narragansett - "People of the small point"
- Evidence of Narragansett Nation inhabitation for over 20,000 years
- Eastern Woodland Coastal People
- Created from the clay of the earth where it meets the waters











Water is... Lifeways

- Food/mineral/plant resources
- Fishing & Clamming
- Swimming & Diving
- Traveling
- Trade
- Whaling



Canoes off Block Island, RI in 1635.

Birchbark Canoes

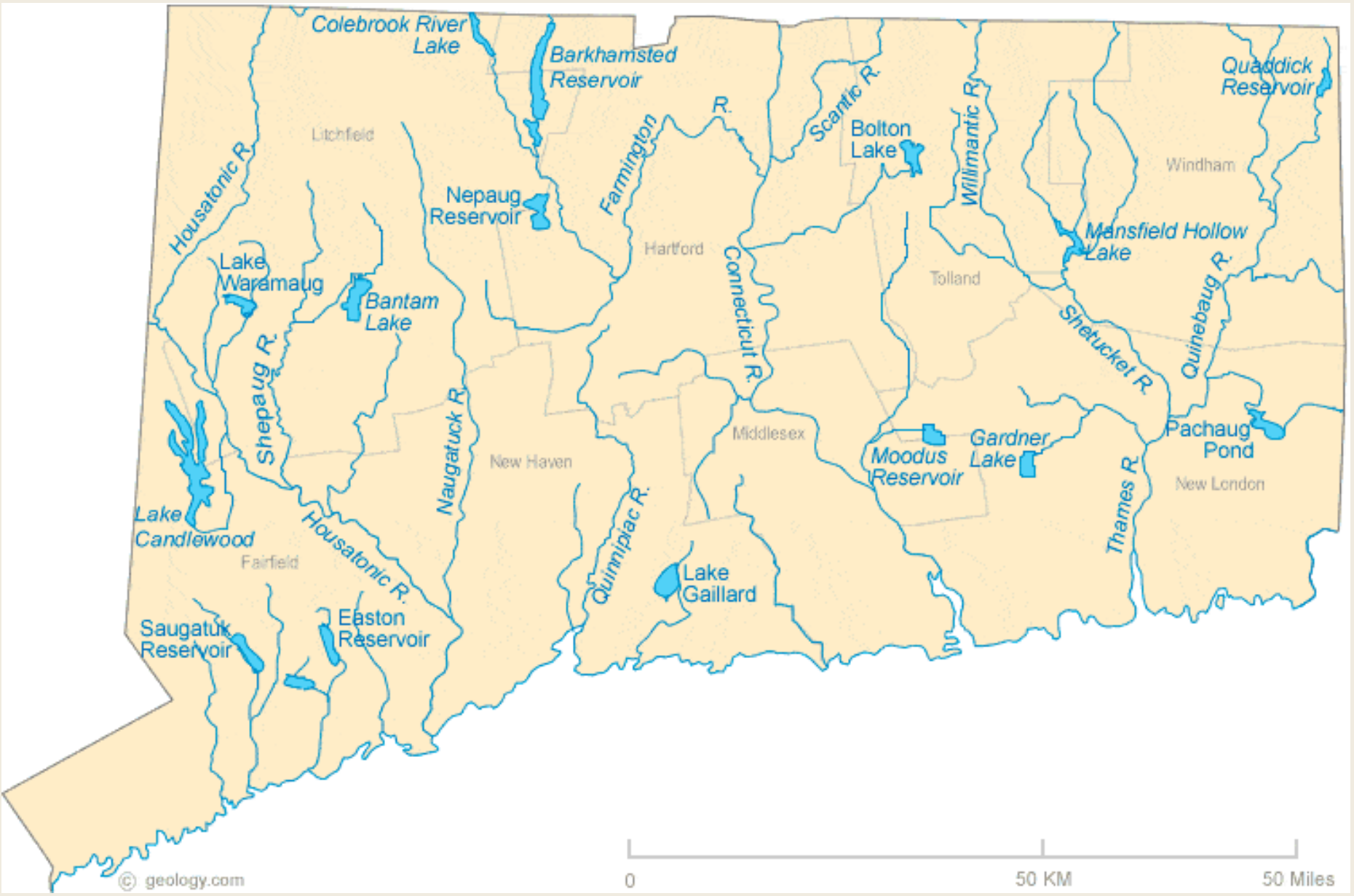
- Most often associated with northern New England communities but were created wherever birch was available in sufficient size
- Early European record indicate that they were built in all sizes - single person to up to 50 paddlers
- Ranged from 10-24 feet
- Spruce Bark canoes an alternative
- With proper storage, could last 5+ years; stored either kept from excessive light & moisture or completely submerged using weights



Dugout Burning at Plimoth

Dugout Canoes

- Could be constructed from many different types of trees; in our area, Chestnut, Pine, Tulip Poplar, oak, cedar most common
- Easily overturned
- Could create a sail with a pole to have it carried by wind
- Used in warfare at sea; fishing; travel
- Various sizes





Water Is... Foodways

- Shellfish & Mollusks
- Cod/Tautog/Bass/Flounder/Herring & more
- Turtle, whale, seal, beaver, otter, muskrat
- Rosehips, Beach Plums, Wild Grapes
- Cattails, Waterlilies, Seaweeds











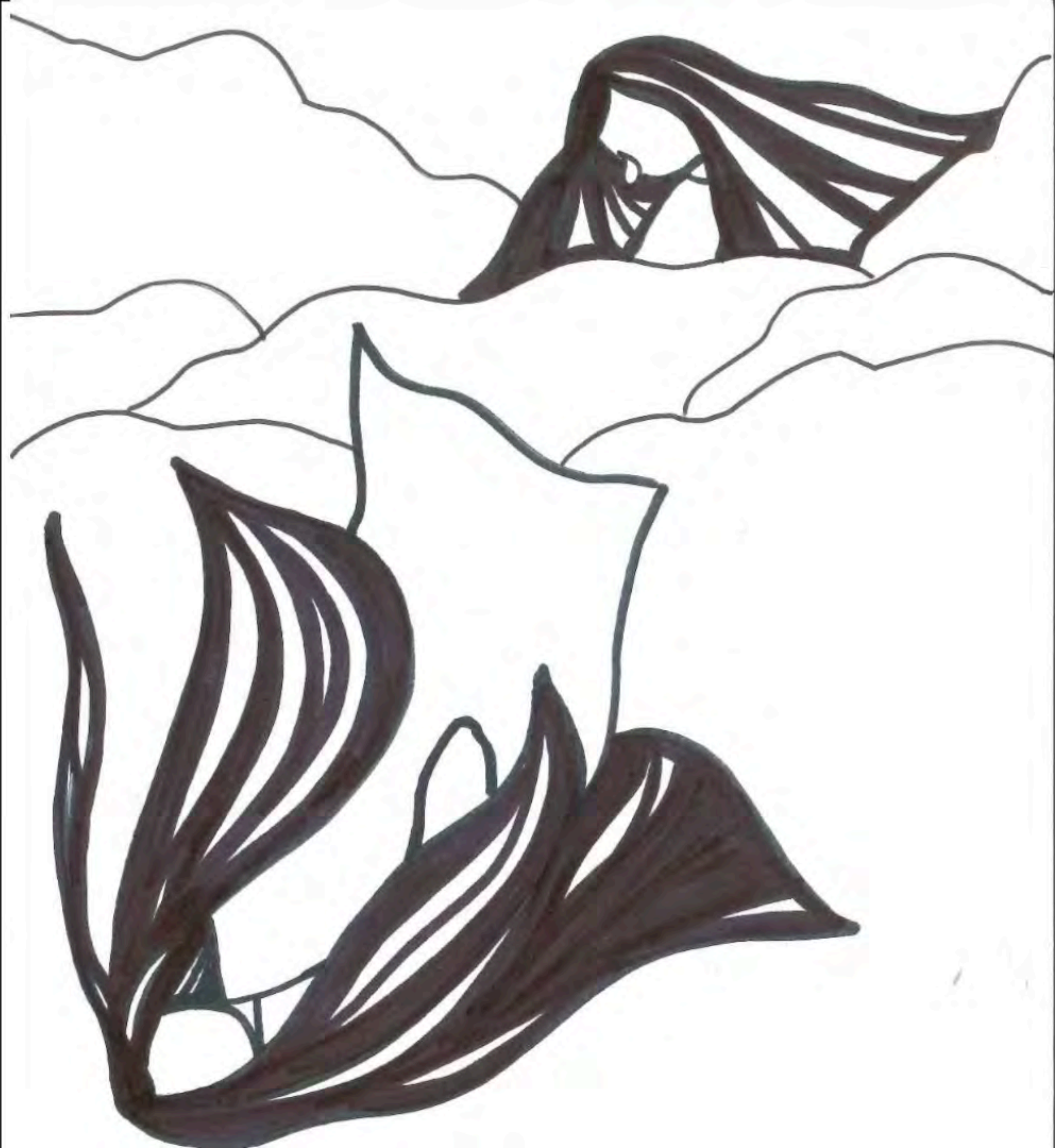


Herring Return, Narragansett and Mashpee Wampanoag





Water Is... Ceremony







Quahog





Wampum

“It was a gift from the creator and meant to be respected ten-fold. The last name we would give it was money, but that’s what’s in the history books.”

Allen Hazard, Narragansett

Wampumpeage



“Water is life. We are the people who live by the water. Pray by these waters. Travel by the waters. Eat and drink from these waters. We are related to those who live in the water. To poison the waters is to show disrespect for creation. To honor and protect the waters is our responsibility as people of the land.”

Winona LaDuke, Mississippi Band Anishinaabeg White Earth Chippewa,
Economist, Environmentalist, Writer



What do you think the term “Water Protector” means?



Water Protectors







“We do not take things for granted and know that careful work on all fronts, to gather information, clean up our messes, and respect ocean life and processes, has to happen for life as we know it to continue.”

Elizabeth James-Perry, Aquinnah Wampanoag

Social Justice & Advocacy

- Pipelines
- Pollution
- Overfishing
- Climate Change
 - Increasingly Acidic ocean waters
 - Rising sea levels
 - Warming waters
 - Major Storms
- Overdevelopment
- Erosion

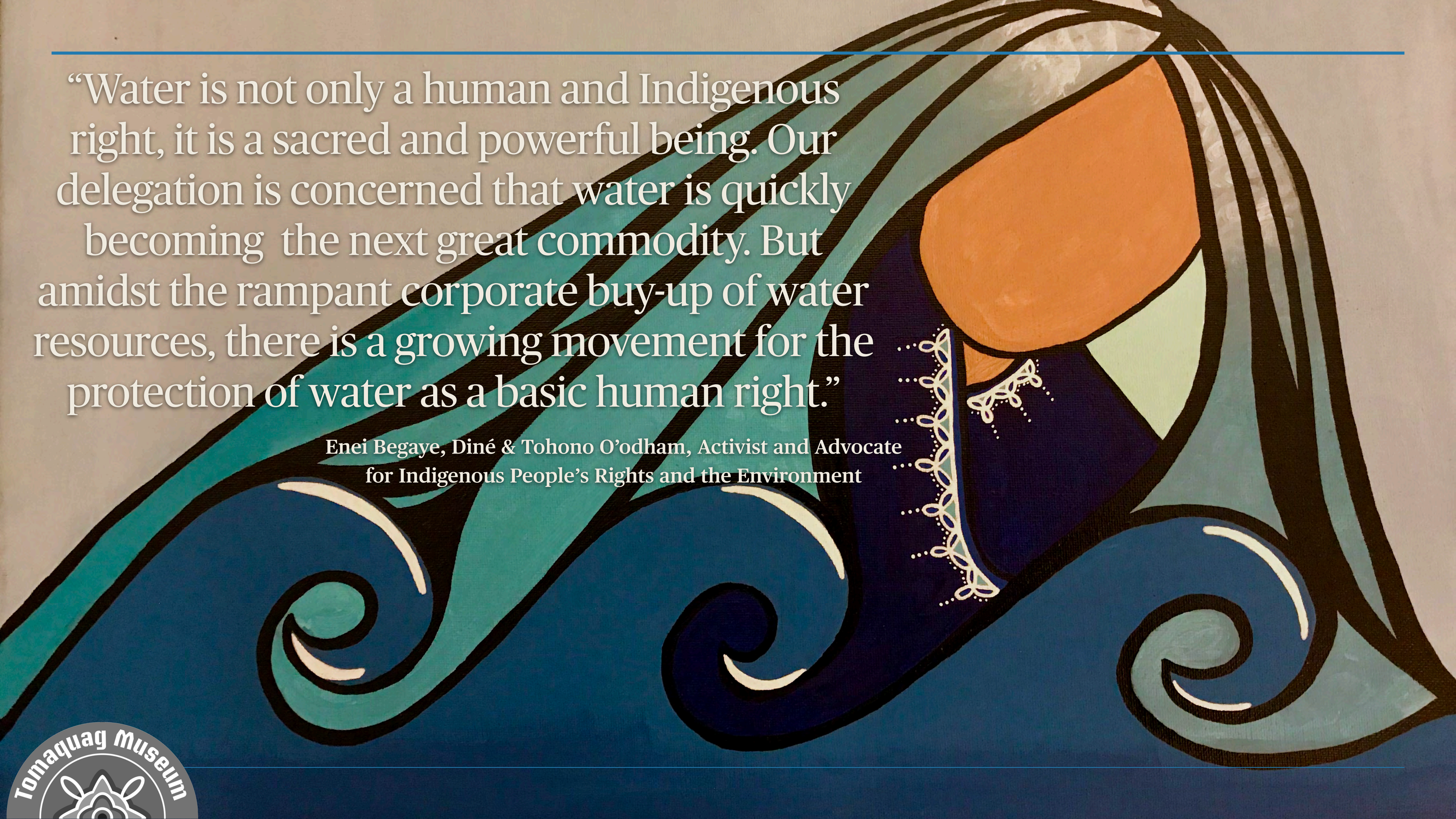
How can we protect and preserve our waterways?





What Can You Do?

- Conserve
- Dispose of harmful materials properly
- Volunteer
- Stay Informed
- Inform others
- Advocate



“Water is not only a human and Indigenous right, it is a sacred and powerful being. Our delegation is concerned that water is quickly becoming the next great commodity. But amidst the rampant corporate buy-up of water resources, there is a growing movement for the protection of water as a basic human right.”

Enei Begaye, Diné & Tohono O’odham, Activist and Advocate
for Indigenous People’s Rights and the Environment

Resources

- Books by Indigenous Authors:
 - To Be A Water Protector: The Rise of the Wiindigoo Slayers by Winona LaDuke <http://cup.columbia.edu/book/to-be-a-water-protector/9781773632674>
 - Young Water Protectors by Aslan Tudor (co-written by Kelly Tudor) <https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/standing-rock-childrens-book-aslan-tudor-1.4794805>
 - We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom <http://www.carolelindstrom.com/learn-more-about-we-are-water-protectors.html>
 - Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer <https://www.robinwallkimmerer.com/books>
- Websites/Articles:
 - <https://www.honorearth.org/>
 - <https://www.culturalsurvival.org/>
 - <https://harvardcrcl.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2018/11/Anderson.pdf>
 - <https://waterprotectorscommunity.org/>
 - <https://welcomewaterprotectors.com/wearewaterprotectors>
- Videos:
 - Water Is Life Music Video <https://youtu.be/KfX0tTrSRG0>
 - Water is Life - Indigenous Perspectives on Water https://youtu.be/keRf2_Dc0No
 - World Water Day: Indigenous Canadian teen addresses UN General Assembly <https://youtu.be/A6LcaTWTx8g>





www.TomaquagMuseum.Org