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the OJIBWE PEOPLE'S DICTIONARY

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INTRODUCTION

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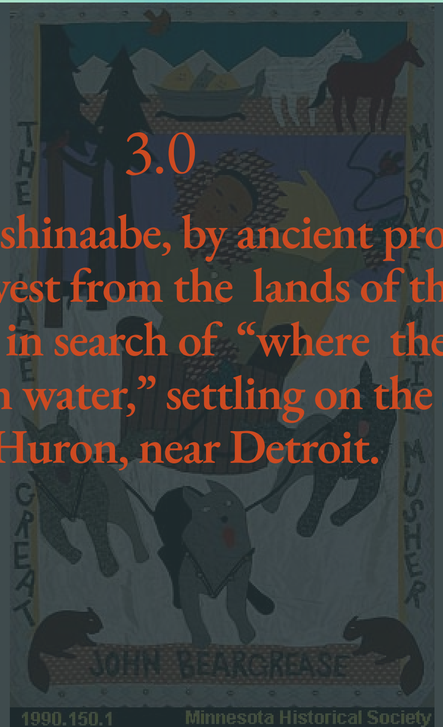
The Ojibwe People's Dictionary is a database of fundamental importance for more then 320,000 Ojibwe People who reside around and amongst the Great Lakes region.

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Ojibwe, Odawa, Potawatomi, Mississaugas, Nipissing, and Algonquin people represent a group of culturally related indigenous people's called the Anishinaabe

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The Anishinaabe, by ancient prophecy, moved west from the lands of the Atlantic in search of "where the food grows on water," settling on the shores of Lake Huron, near Detroit.



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Soon though, under the forces of migration, the Anishinaabe divided into three groups—the Ojibwe, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi—only to be reunited again under the Council of Three Fires. But By the 1800s, conquests of colonialism meant settler education as a means to support Native efforts at self-determination.

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The Anishinaabe land grant to the college of Detroit (now the University of Michigan) under the 1817 Treaty of Fort Meigs was a form of native resistance under the grip of great struggle and the near destruction of the people. An effort to develop new futures, an effort to preserve the kernal of what must be remembered and recovered. The efforts of settlers were otherwise.

Purpose

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Why should you check it out?

Special Futures & Search Tools

What might it offer?

THE GOAL

Now what?

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The purpose of the Ojibwe People's Dictionary is not only to support the language education of new speakers among the present generation, but to encourage respect and acknowledgment — toward Native people and Native history—among students at the University of Michigan whose education is constructed on Anishinaabe land.

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The Ojibwe People's Dictionary is a searchable, mixed-media Ojibwe-English dictionary that features the voices of Ojibwe speakers, as well as illustrations and photographs of Ojibwe material culture and activities--all of which allows for insights into Ojibwe way of life. Uniting the Ojibwe language with audio, images, and other resources expands the inherent possibilities and potentialities of the Ojibwe language.

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Through the navigation bar, learn about the dictionaries construction and the elders behind the voices; additionally, browse the dictionary in both Ojibwe and English. Cultural galleries and collections of related vocabulary reveal the grammar of animacy—*bawa'an* and its derivatives, for example, form an emergent relation to the process of ricing, or *manoomin*, as the Anishinaabe people's would say.

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Language diversity is as important to the world and our systems of knowledge as biological diversity, and The Ojibwe People's Dictionary is a continually expanding resource for Ojibwe language and culture. which represents the fluent speakers of the Ojibwe language and the accumulated knowledge of many generations.

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The revitalization of a language is foremost. It is towards such a perspective that we all should turn: to observe the emergent properties of a language bound to its place.