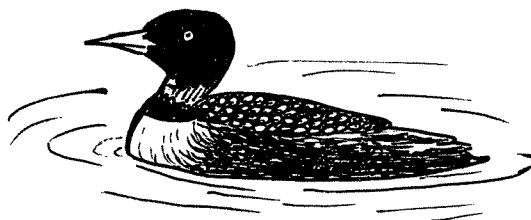


THE LOON'S NECKLACE

An Ojibway Legend



CAST OF CHARACTERS

NARRATOR 1
OLD MAN

NARRATOR 2
BOY

LOON

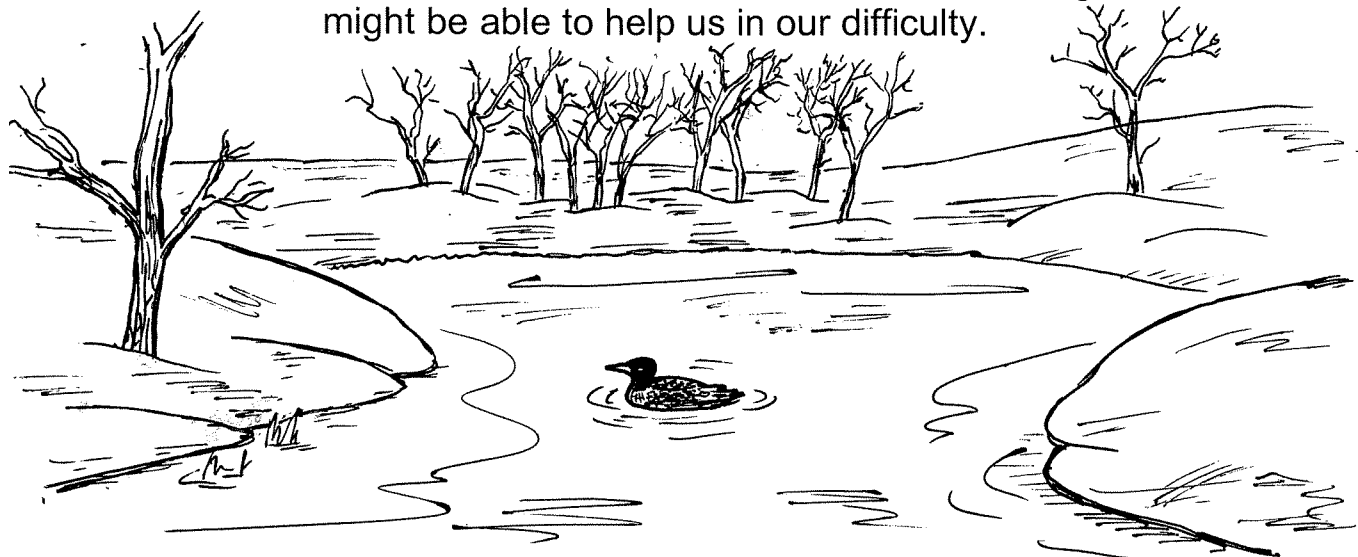
NARRATOR 1: Long ago, an old blind man lived with his young son. When winter came, the old man and his son began to starve because the old man could no longer hunt for food and provide for his family.

NARRATOR 2: One day, the old man gave the last piece of food to his son and put on his robe.

OLD MAN: Take me down to the lake.

BOY: Why do you want to go to the lake on this, the coldest day of winter?

OLD MAN: I wish to speak to the loon. The loon is a magical bird who might be able to help us in our difficulty.



Comprehension Questions (Please answer in Complete Sentences)

1. Why did the coyotes like to spend time with the girl?

2. What prevented the girl from going with the coyotes at first?

3. Why did the people hate the coyotes and try to kill them?

4. Describe the events that led to the girl going with the coyotes.



Investigation

There are many different types of turtles in the world. Some have very peculiar names. Select one of the following turtles to investigate. Your research should be one or two paragraphs in length and should describe the turtle's appearance, diet, habitat, etc. Include a coloured drawing of the turtle of your choice.

- Alligator Snapping Turtle
- African Pancake Turtle
- Amazon Toad-headed Turtle

- Ornate Box Turtle
- Chicken Turtle
- Red-eared Slider Turtle

Investigation



The **Okanagan** people of British Columbia have been in the region for centuries. Today, they are an enterprising people with prosperous ranches and vineyards. Research information on the Okanagan people. Include at least two paragraphs of information about how they used the land to survive; their history; culture; tools; diet; and other interesting features of their life.



Creative Writing

Turtle seems to be a very innovative, imaginative character. Write an exciting sequel to this adventure in which Turtle, once again, comes to the rescue of the Animal People. This time, though, pit his wits against another enemy than Eagle. Illustrate your story or play with a coloured picture.

