

ARTIFACTS FROM LONG, LONG AGO

WHO WERE THE PEOPLES OF THE ARTIFACTS?

We know they were hunters and gatherers, with their lives revolving around the seasons of the year.

Who are their descendants today?

Thousands of years separate the peoples of the Early Archaic and Woodland periods from the first recorded history of our current First Nations peoples. **We cannot trace direct ancestral links.** The written record of Ojibwe history begins in the 17th Century. The closest First Nation to Cobourg is Alderville, whose own written history starts in the early 19th century.

Personal oral stories of the Ancient Peoples have vanished, but what have survived are oral traditions of the origins of earth, the creation stories. **The Ojibwe legend of Nana'b'oozoo is one.**



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LISTEN TO THE RECORDING OF THE LEGEND OF NANA'B'OOZOO

Perhaps our oldest artifacts were once there when the Storyteller was sharing the story of Nana'b'oozoo.

Imagine ... a long time ago ... a family is crouched around a fire. An elder begins the story. The children move closer. They are seated on a hide of wolf fur. And on the wolf fur are two pieces of chert, a newly fashioned spear point and another piece yet to be fashioned. And then ...



...imagine the stories they have to tell!

Now you are part of their story!



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