

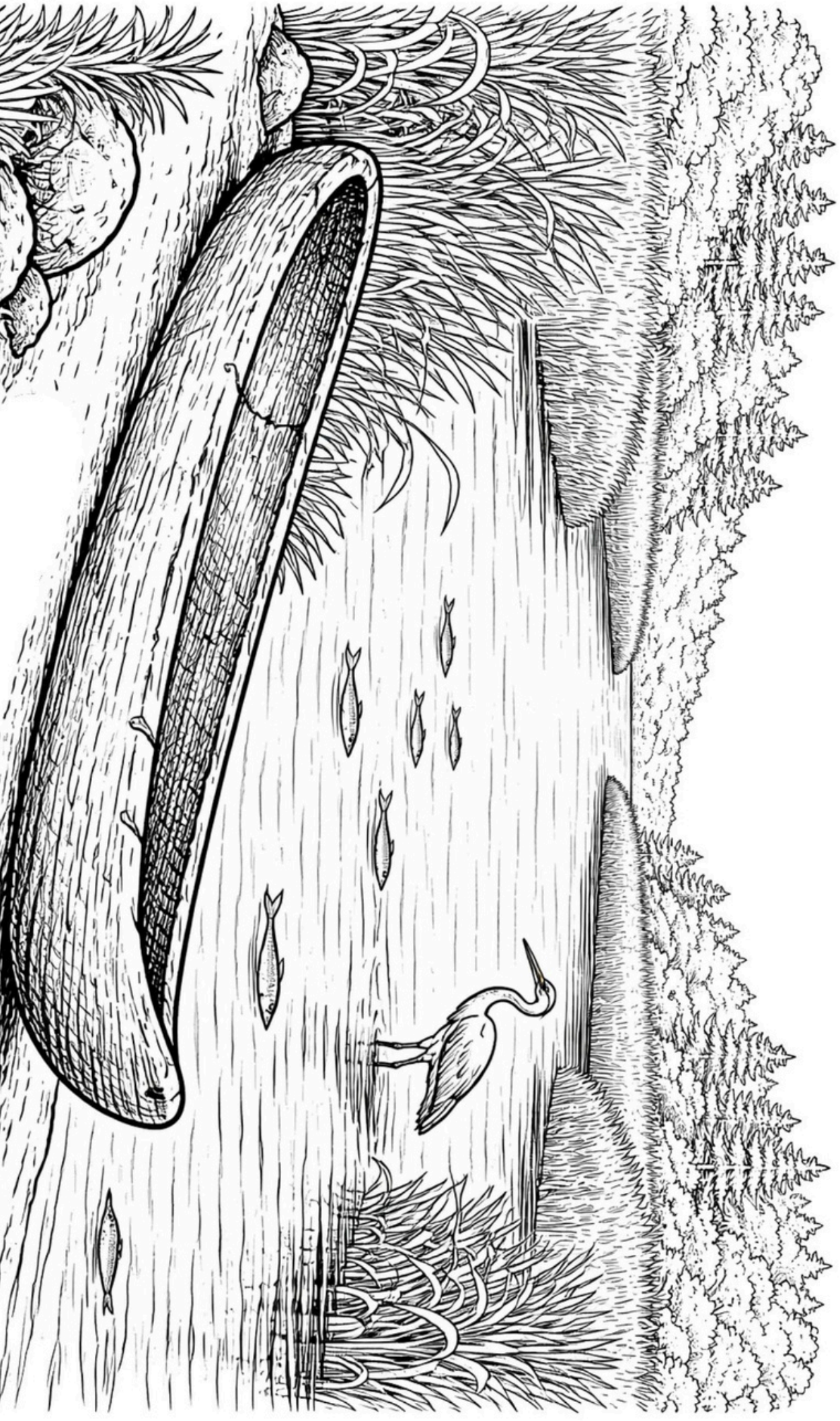


MICHIGAN MARITIME  
MUSEUM

**MAY**

**LEARNING CHALLENGE**

**DUGOUT CANOE**



# LEARN MORE ABOUT DUGOUT CANOES

## AND COMPLETE THE WORD SCRAMBLE.

The Michigan Maritime Museum has a dugout canoe on display on the museum's second floor. Dugout canoes were used by the Anishinaabe people in the Great Lakes region. They were built by hollowing out a log. After harvesting a tree, a small, controlled fire would be started on top of the log and then extinguished. The charred wood and ashes were scraped away, gradually hollowing the log until it was large enough to fit a person. Dugout canoes were an important part of Native American life. They were used for fishing, harvesting aquatic plants such as wild rice, transportation for trade, communication with other communities, and traveling to hunting grounds.

- Dugout canoes often took three people to use. Two to row and one to hold the steering \_\_\_\_\_ **dldap**.
- Radiocarbon dating done on a canoe owned by the Michigan Maritime Museum places it as being constructed in the mid-sixteenth \_\_\_\_\_ **yceurnt**.
- After carving out a dugout canoe, it would be treated by coating it in animal fat to make it \_\_\_\_\_ **oforpwtear**.

Answers: Paddle, Century, Waterproof

Each month, participants who complete the Learning Challenge sheet and return it to the Museum will be entered into a prize drawing.

On the last day of May, we will draw one child winner and one adult winner from all completed entries. Each winner will receive a book, a sticker pack, and two museum passes.

Name:

Age:

Email:

Phone: