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## **Indigenous Place Names Activity**

1. In pairs review the following table of Indigenous place names.

Place	Name	Pronunciation	Meaning	Culture
Lake	Erielhonan		Long tail	Haudenosaunee
Lake	mishigami		Large water	Anishinaabe
			or large lake	
Lake	Oniatarí:io		Lake of	Haudenosaunee
			shining	
			waters	
	Misi-zaagiing		Large outlet	Anishinaabe
			or great river	
			mouth	
	Tkaronto		Trees	Kanyen'kehá:ka
			standing in	(Haudenosaunee)
			water. Name	
			derived from	
			the large	
			stakes that	
			were driven	
			into the	
			water as	
			fishing weirs	
			by the Huron	
			Wendat	
			people.	
	Aaz Haway		"Across" or	Anishinaabe
			the "crossing	
			place"	
	Adawe		To trade	Anishinaabe
River	Adoopekog		Place of the	Anishinaabe
			Alders	
Island	Ekaenouton		Where many	Huron Wendat
			things are	
			washed up	
			(littering) the	
			shore	



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Island	Haskaont	The place	Huron Wendat
		where meat	
		and fish are	
		stored	
Lake	Quentarionk	The beautiful	Huron Wendat
		big lake	
Island	Menecing	On the Island	Anishinaabe
Credit River	Missinnihe	The Trusting	Anishinaabe
		Creek	
Grimsby	Mossquawaunk	Where Deer	Anishinaabe
		Resort	
Niagara Falls	Kahkejewung	The Water	Anishinaabe
		Falls	
Lake Erie	Wahbeshkegoo	The white	Anishinaabe
		water lake	

Sources:

- <u>https://greatlakes.guide/ideas/the-great-lakes-through-traditional-languages</u>
- <u>https://www.historymuseum.ca/cmc/exhibitions/aborig/fp/fpz2d06e.html</u>
  - 2. Discuss anything that surprises you.
    - a. Does the meaning of the Indigenous names support or contradict what you know about these places?



3. Using a map of Ontario for reference, label the places above on the blank map of Ontario below.





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4. Reflect on how Indigenous place names reveal what the geography of a place looked like prior to colonization. Discuss this with your partner. Record your thoughts below.