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Episode 213: The Beauty of Water
Book: *The Water Walker* by Joanne Robinson

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The following passage comes from the book, *The Water Walker*, written by Joanne Robertson. This book contains words from the **Ojibwe** language, which is spoken by the Ojibwe people who are mostly found in Canada, northern Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

Please refer to the **Words to Know** section to better understand the meaning of the bolded words in the passage.

Every morning, like the women in her family before her, **Nokomis** hopped out of bed, and before doing anything else, she sang. "**Gichi miigwech, Nibi**, for the life you give to every living thing on Earth. I love you. I respect you."

But one day a wise **ogimaa** told her, "In my lifetime, the day will come when an ounce of water costs more than an ounce of gold."

Words to Know

Nokomis (no-kuh-miss) - grandmother

Gichi miigwech (gih-chih mee-gwetch) - thank you very much

Nibi (nih-bih) - water

ogimaa (oh-gih-maw) - leader or chief

Try It

In the passage provided, Ogimaa said, "In my lifetime, the day will come when an ounce of water costs more than an ounce of gold."

What do you think this means? Write your thoughts on the lines provided below.
