**The Creation Story of Kitche Manitou**

**(The Great Spirit) of the Ojibwe,** Adapted by Basil Johnston

Out of nothing he made rock, water, fire, and wind. Into each he

breathed the breath of life. On each he bestowed with his breath a

different essence and nature. Each substance had its own power

which became its soul-spirit.

From these four substances Kitche Manitou created the physical

world of sun, stars, moon and earth.

Then Kitche Manitou made the plant beings. These were four

kinds: flowers, grasses, trees and vegetables. To each he gave a

spirit of life, growth, healing and beauty. Each he placed where it

would be most beneficial, and lend to earth the greatest beauty

and harmony and order.

After plants, Kitche Manitou created animal beings conferring on

each special powers and natures. There were two-leggeds, four-

leggeds, wingeds and swimmers.

Last of all he made man. Though last in order of creation, least in

the order of dependence, and weakest in bodily powers, man had

the greatest gift . the power to dream.

Kitche Manitou then made The Great Laws of Nature for the well

being and harmony of all things and all creatures. The Great Laws

governed the place and movement of sun, moon, earth and stars;

governed the powers of wind, water, fire and rock; governed the

rhythm and continuity of life, birth, growth and decay. All things

lived and worked by these laws.

**Challenging Words to Focus On:**

Beneficial conferring created creation physical bestowed dependence harmony kitche lleggeds Manitou ojibwe rhythm swimmers vegetables weakest wingeds

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**FIND THE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW**

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| PHYSICAL | PLANT | PLANTS |
| SOUL-SPIRIT | SPIRIT | SUBSTANCE |
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| THESE | THINGS | TWO-LEGGEDS |
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Kitche Manitou Crossword

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