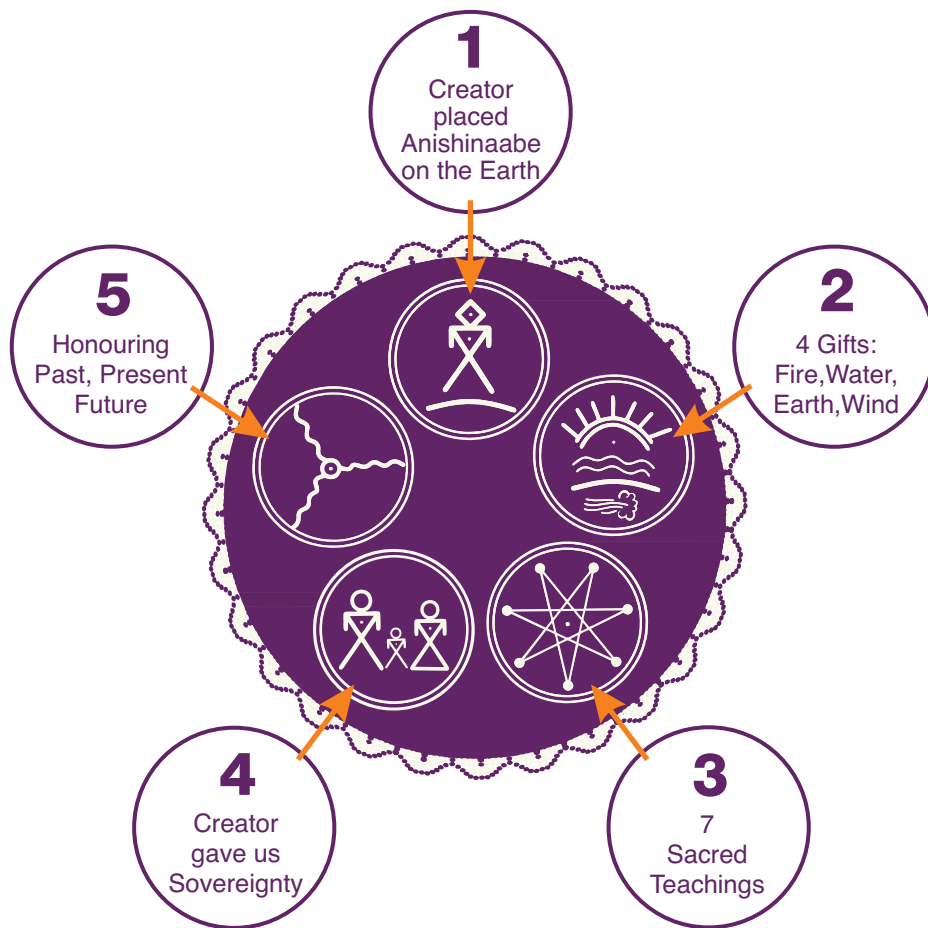


# Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement Pictograph Explained



Many years ago, the Anishinaabe communicated mostly through storytelling and pictographs. The pictograph left, five symbols on a circular field of purple, now being used to identify or brand the **Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement (ANGA)**, is a return to that time honoured tradition.

The pictograph represents the **Ngo Dwe Waangizid Anishinaabe**, the preamble to the **Anishinabek Nation Chi-Naaknigewin**. It was designed and generously donated by Anishinabek Nation Getzit **Gordon Waindubence**.

The **colour purple** pays tribute to the purple **Great Wampum Belt** or **Gchi-Miigisaabiigan** which was presented to 2,500 Indian leaders and headmen at Niagara in July of 1764 by Sir William Johnson, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for British North America. The belt represented the first formal agreement between the British Crown in Canada and over 24 Great Lakes Nations.

- **Symbol 1:** represents how the **Debenjiged** (Creator) placed us on **Shkagmigaang** (Mother Earth) to take care of the Four Elements.
- **Symbol 2:** represents the Four Elements: **Shkode** (fire), **Nibi** (water), **Aki** (earth) and **Noodin** (wind).
- **Symbol 3:** represents the Seven Grandfather Teachings: **Zaagidwin** (love), **Debwewin** (truth), **Mnaadendmowin** (respect), **Nbwaakaawin** (wisdom), **Dbaadendiziwin** (humility), **Gwekwaadziwin** (honesty) and **Aakedhewin** (bravery).
- **Symbol 4:** represents how our sovereignty is to man, woman and child to care for ourselves and Mother Earth.
- **Symbol 5:** represents how the Anishinabek respect and honour the Past, Present and Future.
- The circular field represents how we are one **Anishinaabe family**.

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