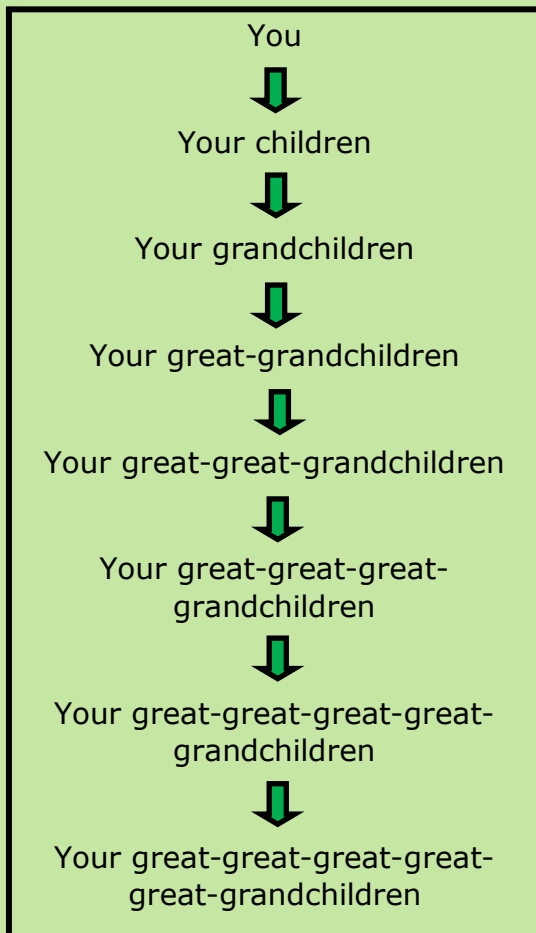


# THE NEXT SEVEN GENERATIONS

The Abenaki believed they are responsible for taking care of the earth and protecting the earth's natural resources, for themselves and for those who come after them. They call this idea the **Next Seven Generations**. The word "generation" means people who are in the same age group. You and your friends or siblings are one generation. Your parents are another generation. And your grandparents are another generation! If you protected the earth and its resources for the next seven generations that come after you, you would be helping your great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren!



The Abenaki especially value the natural resource of **water**.

- Humans, plants, and animals all need **water** to survive.
- **Water** is an important source of food, like fish.
- In the past, **water** was a form of transportation for the Abenaki. They used canoes to travel on lakes and rivers.
- Abenaki villages were always built near a **water** source.



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