

OGOPOGO INFORMATIVE WRITING SAMPLE

Have you heard of Nessie the Loch Ness monster? Most people have. Everyone likes a good monster myth. One such monster is found in British Columbia, Canada. The lake monster that lives in Lake Okanagan is called “Ogopogo”. It is a 25-meter-long serpent with a smooth green or black body, swimming freely around the lake, snacking on kokanee salmon. It traces back to the First Nations peoples of British Columbia. In 1872 an author wrote about how early settlers also had sightings of the creature. In the 1980’s tourism jumped in the area because the tourism office offered \$1 million dollars for proof of its existence. About 16% of all British Columbia residents believe in Ogopogo.

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