

bow

starboard

freeboard

thwart

gunwale

stern

hull

port

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neck/throat

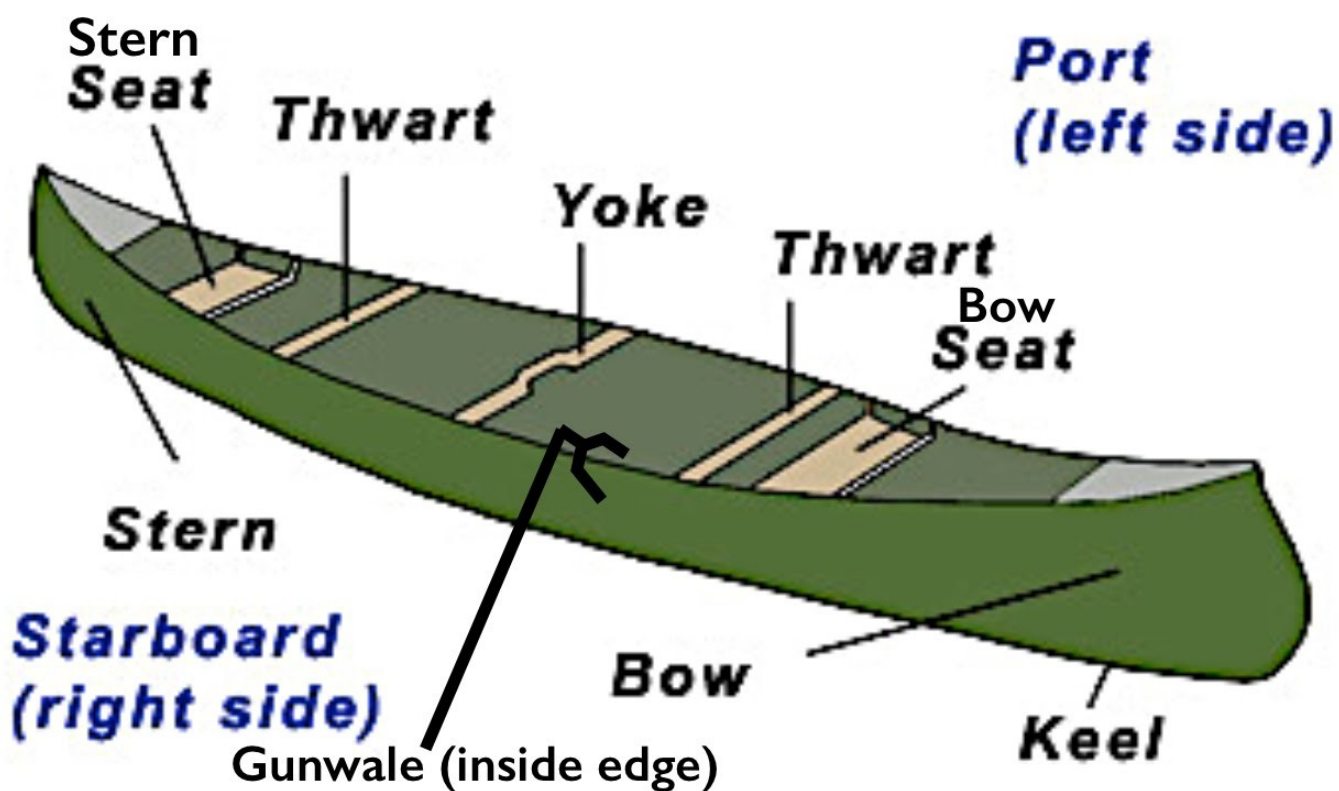
grip

shaft/loom

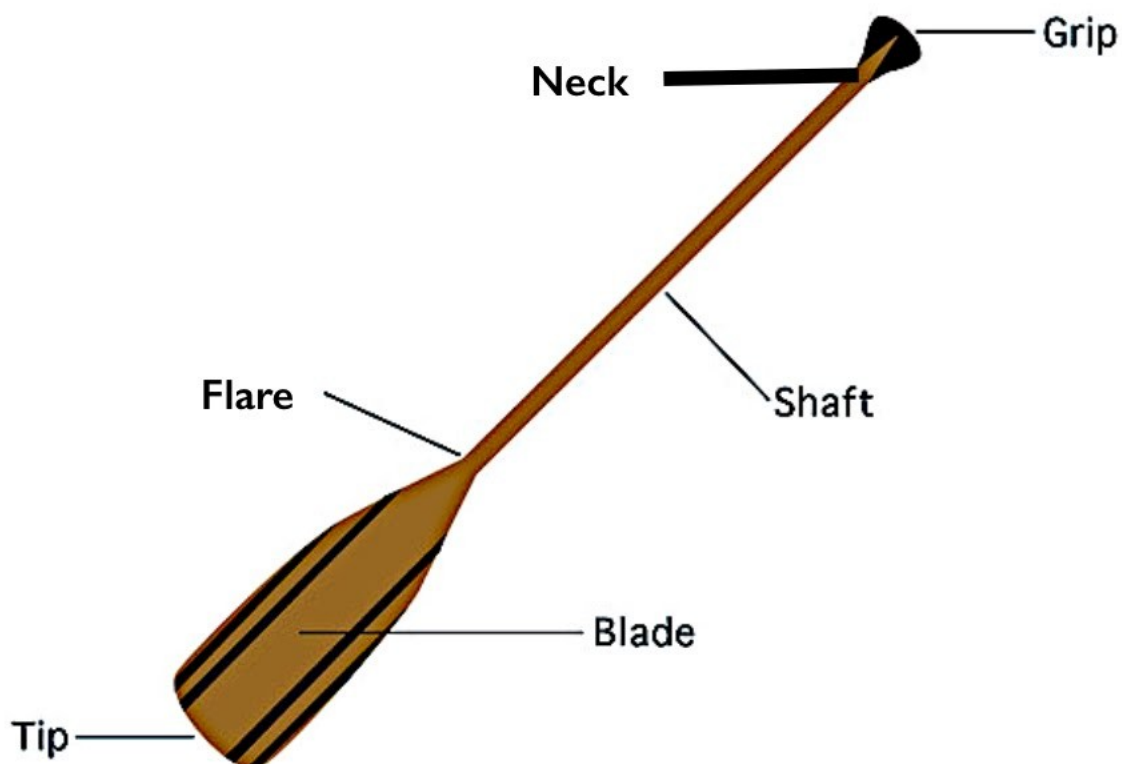
blade

tip

Parts of a Canoe:



Parts of a Paddle:



Parts of the Canoe and Their Function

Bailer	Anything used to bail out a canoe. An old plastic bottle with the bottom cut off is most effective.
Bow	The front or extreme forward end of the canoe.
Flotation/ Buoyancy	Styrofoam or airbags placed in a canoe to help keep the craft afloat in the event of a capsize.
Freeboard	The part of the canoe that rides above the waterline.
Gunwale	The top edge of the hull of the canoe.
Painter	A line attached to the bow of the canoe to tie it up or tow it.
PFD	Personal Flotation Device. Must wear before getting into canoe.
Port	The left side of the canoe when facing the bow.
Starboard	The right side of the canoe when facing the bow.
Stern	The rear of the canoe.
Thwart	A supporting structure that extends across the width of the canoe.