

## +Indigenous Studies

### Assignment Three

#### Kluscaps' People: Legends of the Mi'gmaq (Mi'kmaq)

\*Please listen to the following podcast and answer the four sections of questions that follow below.

\*The start-time of each legend is listed so that you may step away and come back to the podcast at a later time.

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/legends-of-the-mi-kmaq-1.2913362>

#### **Introducing Glooscap (1:44)**

- A) Who is Kluscap (Glooscap) and why is he important to the Mi'gmaq?
- B) What does the name actually mean?
- C) When would Kluscap ever return to the Mi'gmaq?

#### **Legend 1) Mi'gmaq and the North Wind (3:55)**

- A) What was the problem that was being caused by the North Wind?
- B) Was the young messenger eager to be chosen to send a message to Glooscap?
- C) How long would the journey take?
- D) Briefly describe the journey that the young messenger took.
- E) What was the North Wind's Mi'gmaq name?
- F) Who was the North Wind and what did Kluscap do to him to stop the cold?
- G) Did the journey back to the young messengers' village take the same amount of time?
- H) What was different after the meeting between Kluscap and the North Wind?
- I) What had the Elders discovered during this time?
- J) Why was the same young messenger chosen a second time to do?
- K) Once Kluscap met the young messenger again, what did he do differently this time?
- L) In your own opinion, what is the main message in this story?

### **Legend 2) The story of Gigio'pj (16:25)**

- A) What is the lesson that is being told in this story?
- B) What is the "meaning" of the scabs?
- C) What was it like to be treated as the younger sister in this family?
- D) Describe some of the actions the older stepsisters would do to their younger sister.
- E) What did Gigio'pj want with beads?
- F) Who is this young man and why is he so successful as a hunter?
- G) Why did Gigio'pj go into the woods and what did she collect?
- H) The young man had a very protective sister. What was the purpose of the questions she would ask would-be suitors of her brother?
- I) Where the older sisters successful in passing the test of the younger man's protective sister?
- J) Where did younger sister run away too? What was her wish?
- K) What did the protective sister tell Gigio'pj to do?
- L) How did the meeting go between Gigio'pj and the "Invisible One"?
- M) Describe what happens to a "person of a good heart".
- N) What happened to the two older sisters?

### **Legend 3) Father and Son: Waltes (32:10)**

- A) This couple was given (gifted) with a boy. What did they do with this wonderful gift?
- B) What did the dad and son do when not hunting or fishing?
- C) From what is the Waltes dice made from?
- D) What happened to the son?
- E) Why did the father want to go to the land of the souls? Please describe the journey.
- F) Who were the "ghost bodies"?
- G) Why was the "keeper of the souls" upset? What did the keeper do the them?
- H) What did the father ask of the keeper? After listening quietly, what was the keepers response?
- I) How could the father win back his sons' soul?
- J) How long did the father and the keeper play Waltes?
- K) Who won the game and what was the result?
- L) What was the only warning the gate keeper told the old man and why?
- M) The old women was too curious! What did she do? What was the result of this curiousness?

N) What happened to the father as a result? Did his wish come true?

**Legend 4) Arrival of the Missionaries** (45:40)

A) What is the meaning of the Celebration (Friendship) Dance.

B) Before coming of the White man, what occurred?

C) What happened to a women of the village?

D) The Council of Elders had a shared dream ... please describe this dream.

E) What did the people do to protect the rest of the population because of the dream?

F) When the missionaries arrived, why do you believe they were welcomed?

G) What did the missionaries bring to the Native people?

H) What happened in 1610? How did this affect the people?

I) What happened to all the other "heathens" from this day forward?

J) In your opinion, is this a positive event for the Mi'gmaq people?