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Glooscap

For the First Nation in Nova Scotia, Canada, see Glooscap First Nation.

Glooscap (also spelled Gluskabe, Glooskap, Gluskabi,



A large statue of Glooscap, sculpted by Edward Tuck, stands beside the town hall of Parrsboro, Nova Scotia

Kluscap, *Kloskomba*, or *Gluskab*) is a mythical culture hero, and "transformer" of the Wabanaki peoples.

He was an important figure for the Abenaki in the United States and Atlantic Canada, as well as the Passamaquoddy and the Mi'kmaq (Micmac) tribes, all part of the Wabanaki Confederacy. He is represented as the creator in the Penobscot Native Nation's Creation Myth, as transcribed by Joseph Nicola in *The Red Man*.

Glooscap is portrayed in a creator role similar to that of the Ojibwa *Nanabozho* and the Cree *Wisakedjak*. His name, *Kloskabe*, means "Man who came from nothing" or literally, "Man [created] from only speech".

1 Abenaki

The Abenaki people believe that after Tabaldak created humans, the dust from his body created Glooscap and his twin brother, Malsumis. He gave Glooscap the power to create a good world. Malsumis, on the other hand, is the opposite, and seeks evil to this day.

Glooscap learned that hunters who kill too much would destroy the ecosystem and the good world he had sought to create. Frightened at this possibility, Glooscap sought Grandmother Woodchuck (Agaskw) and asked her for advice. She plucked all the hairs out of her belly (hence the lack of hair on a woodchuck's belly) and wove them into a magical bag. Glooscap put all the game animals into the bag. He then bragged to Grandmother Woodchuck that the humans would never need to hunt again. Grandmother Woodchuck scolded him and told him that they would die without the animals. She said that they needed to hunt to remain strong. Glooscap then let the animals go.

Later, Glooscap decided to capture the great bird that Tabaldak had placed on a mountain peak, where it generated bad weather in the flapping of its wings. Glooscap caught the eagle and bound its wings and the winds ceased. Soon, the air was so hot and heavy that Glooscap could not breathe, so he loosened the bird's wings, just enough to generate enough weather so humanity could live.

Modern Abenaki believe Glooscap is very angry at the white people for not obeying the rules he set down.

2 Mi'kmaq

In one version of the Mi'kmaq creation myth, Glooskap lay on his back, with arms outstretched and his head toward the rising sun, for 365 days and nights, then Nogami, the grandmother, was born as an old woman from the dew of the rock. The next day, Nataoa-nsen, Nephew, was born from the foam of the sea. On the next day was born the Mother of all the Mi'kmaq, from the plants of the Earth.

Glooscap was said by the Mi'kmaq to be great in size and in powers, and to have created natural features such as the Annapolis Valley. In carrying out his feats, he often had to overcome his evil twin brother who wanted rivers to be crooked and mountain ranges to be impassable; in one legend, he turns the evil twin into stone. Another common story is how he turned himself into a giant beaver and created five islands in the Bay of Fundy, Nova Scotia by slapping his huge tail in the water with enough force to stir up the earth.

Yet another legend says that when Glooscap finished painting the splendor of the world, he dipped his brush into a blend of all the colours and created *Abegweit*, meaning "Cradled on the Waves" — his favorite island (Prince Edward Island).

When Glooscap slept, Nova Scotia was his bed, and Prince Edward Island his pillow.

Glooscap is remembered for having saved the world from an evil frog-monster, who had swallowed all the Earth's water. Glooscap killed the monster and the water was released. Some animals, relieved at the resurgence of water, jumped in, becoming fish and other aquatic animals. Of course, this legend, like many others did have some basis in fact. A massive earthquake converted a mountain on the east side of the Penobscot river into a new channel through a split in that mountain. The eastern side of this mountain became Verona island, and the new river channel passed in-between. Later, when explorers asked where the stone fort Norumbega was, they were told that it lay on the eastern side of the river (which it did prior to the earthquake), and so could never find the new location. It is presently located in the north-west corner of the Sandy Point Animal Enhancement Area in Sandy Point, Maine.

Glooscap is also believed to have brought the Mi'kmaq stoneware, knowledge of good and evil, fire, tobacco, fishing nets, and canoes, making him a cultural hero.

3 Penobscot (Panawapskewi)

Gluskabe created the first humans from the mud of the banks of the biggest, longest river in the area, the Penobscot River. There are many stories that relate to how different animals were created and how they attained their physical characteristics. Gluskabe also had run-in with a trickster spirit, Pomola, until Gluskabe tired of his antics and banished Pomola to the western valley of Mount Katahdin, a holy place. Gluskabe is thought to currently reside in this mountain, protector of the people of this land.

Gluskabe created the Penobscot River, the headwaters of which are located at the base of Mount Katahdin, when he fought a greedy giant toad that had swallowed all of the water in the land. Gluskabe killed the toad, and thus created the Penobscot watershed, largest on the northeast coast of what is now known as New England. Of course many stories are based partly in fact. A massive earthquake did change the local geography.

After the earthquake, the old temple was claimed by the Penobscot, being previously on the Passamaquoddy side of the river. The "king" of the Penobscot turned it into a royal castle. They changed its name to Norumbega, being previously called Temple of Umglebemu. The Penobscots called the defeated Amphibian God "Kei Checqwalis". The mountain itself is today is called Mt. Tuck. Part of it (northeast side) is called Ft. Knox. Another interesting feature is the "Gondola Cove" in Sandy Point. Early Italian explorers supposedly once saw a ships prow sticking out of the mud during a spring ice-out. They described it like a gondola they had seen in Venice (Viking Longboat?).

One story tells of a massacre at the castle. Miqmac natives, with muskets traded by the French, invaded the stronghold, killed or captured everyone, looted what they could find and left. They had been told that the place contained gold jewelry and stockpiles of pearls and jewels. But the invaders found nothing like that. Are they still there? One clue is a row of Standing stones on the mountaintop. They appear to be placed there. The largest is over 40 tons and egg shaped. Only the Penobscot Nation knows for sure. David Ingram described it like one of the cities of El Dorado.

4 Cultural influence

In addition to being a spiritual figure, Glooscap also became a major figure of regional identity for the Bay of Fundy region with everything from steam locomotives, the ship *Glooscap*, schools, businesses and the Glooscap Trail tourism region named after the heroic figure.

5 See also

- Glooscap First Nation
- Abenaki mythology
- Wisakedjak
- Nanabozho

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