

**Sleeping Bear Dunes Reading Comprehension**

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Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is located in western Michigan along the shores of Lake Michigan, one of the five great lakes. It has beautiful forests, wetlands, beaches, sand dunes, and landforms made by glaciers.

The park's name comes from a myth told by the Chippewa people. According to the the myth, a forest fire drove a mother bear and her cubs into the lake. The mother survived, but her two cubs drowned. The "Great Spirit" was impressed by the mother bear and her efforts in trying to save her cubs and made two islands to honor the cubs. The wind was said to have buried the mother in sand while she slept, waiting for her cubs to come back from the lake.

**1.) This story is a myth. What is a myth?**

- a.) A true story
- b.) A newspaper report
- c.) A story that explains something
- d.) A funny story

**2.) Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore...**

- a.) is a real place
- b.) contains wetlands, and landforms made by glaciers
- c.) is located on the shores of a great lake
- d.) has all of the above

**3.) What did the mother bear believe?**

- a.) She believed the Great Spirit would save her cubs
- b.) She believed her cubs would come back from the water
- c.) She believed the two islands were her cubs
- d.) She believed in the myth told by the Chippewa

**4.) Why did the “Great Spirit” create two islands?**

- a.) The Great Spirit was impressed with the cubs
- b.) The Great Spirit felt sorry for the cubs
- c.) The Great Spirit was impressed with the mother and wanted to honor the cubs
- d.) The Great Spirit felt sorry for the mother who was sleeping by the lake