



Teacher's Guide

The Ancient Mountain **Moko**

Grade Levels:

K-5

Subject Areas:

Reading

Writing/Composition

Media Literacy/Critical Thinking

Earth Sciences

Synopsis:

Moko and Alarick meet a woman who has many fruits and flowers. The season is short, so they immediately set off to the ancient mountain to gather some for themselves. They finally come across a small hill full of fruits and flowers...but how can a small hill have so much more than a large mountain?

Learning Objectives: Students will:

- Enjoy the origin story presented in this program.
- Understand what erosion is and how it affects the landscape.
- Evaluate Moko's reasoning and conclusions.

Vocabulary:

Origin story, folktale, mountain, hill, erosion, climate, weather

Pre-Viewing Discussion:

What effect do you think forces like wind and rain have on the landscape?

How are mountains and valleys formed?

Post-Viewing Discussion:

Why did the old woman refer to the ancient mountain? Why did Moko and Alarick see only a small hill?

Further Activities:

Find examples of famous landmarks that were created by erosion. Find out how long ago it formed.

Research the Grand Canyon. What is happening to the Grand Canyon today?