



Teacher's Guide

The Disappearing Sea **Moko**

Grade Levels:

K-5

Subject Areas:

Reading

Writing/Composition

Media Literacy/Critical Thinking

Earth Sciences

Synopsis:

Moko and Alarick are sailing on a clear, bright day, when suddenly mists surround them. Thinking the mists are wicked, Moko wants to get out of there! Instead, Alarick plays a melody on his flute and the mists recede, revealing a beautiful cove.

Learning Objectives: Students will:

- Enjoy the origin story presented in this program.
- Understand the science behind the formation of fog.
- Evaluate Moko's reasoning and conclusions.

Vocabulary:

Origin story, folktale, fog, precipitation, weather, temperature

Pre-Viewing Discussion:

What kind of feeling do you get when you see fog? How might an author use fog to evoke emotions in their audience?

How do you think you would feel if you were out in the ocean and suddenly you were surrounded by fog?

Post-Viewing Discussion:

What did Moko and Alarick discover after the mists lifted? Why did the mists lift? Why did Moko think they did?

Further Activities:

How does weather affect how you feel? Find examples of how authors use things like weather, atmosphere and setting to convey emotion.