



Teacher's Guide

The Hills of the Round Earth

Moko

Grade Levels:

K-5

Subject Areas:

Reading

Writing/Composition

Media Literacy/Critical Thinking

Astronomy

Earth Sciences

Scientific Methods/Measurement

Synopsis:

Moko's elders assure him that the earth is round, but it looks flat! To get to the bottom of this, Moko journeys around the world and ends up back where he started! But how do we know the earth is round?

Learning Objectives: Students will:

- Enjoy the origin story presented in this program.
- Understand the science behind how the earth was formed.
- Evaluate Moko's reasoning and conclusions.
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Vocabulary:

Earth, round, outer space, shape, origin story, folktale

Pre-Viewing Discussion:

How do we know the earth is round? What shape did people used to think it was?

How do you think past cultures would explain the shape of the earth?

Post-Viewing Discussion:

How did Moko try to find out what shape the earth was?

Why did it confuse Moko that he ended up in the place he started?

Further Activities:

Write a different origin story or folktale to discover the shape of the earth.

Find another folktale you enjoy. Research the science behind the story.

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