



Teacher's Guide

The Missing Sun

Moko

Grade Levels:

K-5

Subject Areas:

Reading

Writing/Composition

Media Literacy/Critical Thinking

Earth Sciences

Astronomy

Synopsis:

One day, the sun was shining brightly. Suddenly, the sky began to grow dark and the sun began to disappear. Moko, frightened, asked the old man what was going on. He did not know, but they went and found an old woman, who had seen this before. She assured them that the sun would return, and it eventually did!

Learning Objectives: Students will:

- Enjoy the origin story presented in this program.
- Understand what a solar eclipse is and why it happens.
- Evaluate Moko's reasoning and conclusions.

Vocabulary:

Sun, moon, earth, eclipse, phases of the moon, solar, lunar

Pre-Viewing Discussion:

Have you ever seen an eclipse? What was it like?

Do you think older people know more than younger people? Why?

Post-Viewing Discussion:

How did the villagers react to the eclipse?

What causes an eclipse?

Further Activities:

Find pictures of recent eclipses. Create a collage of these images and write descriptions of each.