



## **Teacher's Guide**

### **The Rain Dance**

#### **Moko**

#### **Grade Levels:**

K-5

#### **Subject Areas:**

Reading

Writing/Composition

Media Literacy/Critical Thinking

Earth Sciences

#### **Synopsis:**

One day, Moko and Mei-Lei are in the rice fields when the sky suddenly turns dark. Mei-Lei warns Moko that they should go back to the village but Moko wants to stay. The light rain turns torrential and Mei-Lei dances until the rain stops. Moko thinks Mei-Lie's dancing is magical—it made the rain stop!

#### **Learning Objectives:** Students will:

- Enjoy the origin story presented in this program.
- Explain what causes a monsoon.
- Evaluate Moko's reasoning and conclusions.

#### **Vocabulary:**

Monsoon, precipitation, weather, climate, Asia

#### **Pre-Viewing Discussion:**

Do you like the rain? Why or why not?

What do you think causes the rain?

#### **Post-Viewing Discussion:**

Why did Moko think the rain stopped?

What causes a monsoon? When does it stop?

#### **Further Activities:**

Find out where monsoons happen and what their effect is on those areas.