



Teacher's Guide

The Route of the Great Plains

Moko

Grade Levels:

K-5

Subject Areas:

Reading

Writing/Composition

Media Literacy/Critical Thinking

Life Sciences

Ecology

World Geography

Synopsis:

One day, Moko realizes he must leave Mei-Lei's land. Mei-Lei give him a clear blue stone and he takes the path of the great plains. It seems immense and Moko wants to turn back, but he does not, because he wants to be able to return one day and tell Mei-Lei what is at the end of the world.

Learning Objectives: Students will:

- Enjoy the origin story presented in this program.
- Explain the characteristics of a plain or savannah.
- Evaluate Moko's reasoning and conclusions.

Vocabulary:

Plain, mountain, horizon, desert, steppe, prairie, savannah, pampas, semi-arid

Pre-Viewing Discussion:

What kinds of images do you think of when you hear the word savannah or plain?

Have you ever moved away from a good friend? How did that make you feel?

Post-Viewing Discussion:

Why did Moko keep going even though he thought traveling across he plains would take way too long?

What do you now know about steppes and savannahs?

Further Activities:

Draw or paint a savannah. Be sure to include land features, plant and animals that really live in these habitats.