



Teacher's Guide

The Secret Garden

Moko

Grade Levels:

K-5

Subject Areas:

Reading

Writing/Composition

Media Literacy/Critical Thinking

Earth Sciences

Synopsis:

One day, it was very hot and Moko was worried because there was no rain. He went in search of the magician, who told him to follow the trail of the dunes to find water. So Moko set off and sure enough, eventually he saw an oasis in front of him. As he ran toward it, it disappeared! Eventually, he saw it again, and walking slowly this time, he reached it.

Learning Objectives: Students will:

- Enjoy the origin story presented in this program.
- Understand what an oasis is.
- Evaluate Moko's reasoning and conclusions.

Vocabulary:

Desert, garden, oasis, mirage

Pre-Viewing Discussion:

What is a desert like?

Are there places in the desert that are fresh and fertile?

Post-Viewing Discussion:

Why did Moko go to try to find the magician? Why did Moko think the trees disappeared?

What is an oasis? What does it do for the desert?

Further Activities:

Draw a picture of the perfect oasis. What do you include there?