



Teacher's Guide

The Secret of the Stars

Moko

Grade Levels:

K-5

Subject Areas:

Reading

Writing/Composition

Media Literacy/Critical Thinking

Astronomy

Earth Sciences

Synopsis:

Moko sees a shooting star, and goes to investigate! He travels to behind the mountain, where he thinks the stars live, and finds the old woman blowing on the embers of her fire. The sparks, Moko thinks, become shooting stars!

Learning Objectives: Students will:

- Enjoy the origin story presented in this program.
- Understand the science behind the formation of stars.
- Evaluate Moko's reasoning and conclusions.

Vocabulary:

star, shooting star, fire, ember, spark, nebulae, origin story, folktale

Pre-Viewing Discussion:

Where do you think stars come from?

How are stars formed?

Post-Viewing Discussion:

How did Moko try to find the origin of the shooting stars? Where did he go?

What did Moko find behind the mountain? How did he explain stars after his journey?

What did you learn about the formation of stars from this program?

Further Activities:

Write a different origin story or folktale to discover how stars are formed.

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

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