



Teacher's Guide

The Song of the Dunes

Moko

Grade Levels:

K-5

Subject Areas:

Reading

Writing/Composition

Media Literacy/Critical Thinking

Earth Sciences

Synopsis:

One night, Moko and Mei-Lei hear a loud noise from the dunes. Mei-Lei tells Moko it is the dragon of the dunes, but he goes off in search of it anyway. When he returns, he tells Mei-Lei there is no dragon, it's just the sand and the earth singing to each other.

Learning Objectives: Students will:

- Enjoy the origin story presented in this program.
- Understand what causes the "song of the dunes."
- Evaluate Moko's reasoning and conclusions.

Vocabulary:

Sound, song, dragon, dune, fear, curiosity, desert, avalanche

Pre-Viewing Discussion:

Have you ever heard a loud noise in the middle of the night? How did you react?

Post-Viewing Discussion:

What did Mei-Lei tell Moko was making the sound? What was actually making the sound?

Who do you relate to more—Moko or Mei-Lei? Why?

Further Activities:

Write a story that provides another explanation for the singing of the dunes.