



Teacher's Guide

Tears from Tall Trees

Moko

Grade Levels:

K-5

Subject Areas:

Reading

Writing/Composition

Media Literacy/Critical Thinking

Life Sciences

Ecology

Synopsis:

When Moko tells Mei-Lei that he will have to leave to continue his travels, she becomes very sad and water begins to drip from the trees. Moko follows her down a long path and when he finds her she is happy because she no longer knows Moko likes her enough to follow her. The trees stop crying and Moko and Mei-Lei vow to reunite one day.

Learning Objectives: Students will:

- Enjoy the origin story presented in this program.
- Understand why humidity gets trapped in forests.
- Evaluate Moko's reasoning and conclusions.

Vocabulary:

Forest, tropical forest, humidity, trade winds, precipitation, weather, climate

Pre-Viewing Discussion:

Have you ever been to a greenhouse? What is it like there?

What do you know about forests?

Post-Viewing Discussion:

Why was Mei-Lei sad? What made her happy?

Why are forests humid? Where does that humidity come from?

Further Activities:

Imagine a reason that trees might cry. Write a story explaining this phenomenon.