Teacher's Guide

The Salt in the Sea Moko

Grade Levels:

K-5

Subject Areas:

Reading
Writing/Composition
Media Literacy/Critical Thinking
Earth Sciences

Synopsis:

One day, Moko took his boat down the river, and came upon a stretch of water so wide he could see all the way to the horizon. He went to take a drink but the water was salty! Moko knew that a magician had put a spell on this water to make it salty, but hoped that there was a good spell on his river to keep it from becoming salty too.

Learning Objectives: Students will:

- Enjoy the origin story presented in this program.
- Understand how the sea is different from freshwater sources.
- Evaluate Moko's reasoning and conclusions.

Vocabulary:

Salt water, fresh water, river, sea, ocean, minerals

Pre-Viewing Discussion:

Have you ever had a drink of salt water? What was that like?

Post-Viewing Discussion:

How did Moko find the sea? Why did he think it was salty?

How does the ocean become salty?

Further Activities:

Find out what kinds of animals live in salt water versus freshwater. Do any live in both?