

FATHER OCEAN

This is a story that comes from the Western Washington Region.

A long time ago, the earth was the mother and the ocean was the father, and the ocean created his children and his children were the rain clouds. The clouds that covered the ocean and these clouds would travel from the ocean across the land, and they would go across what we now call the Cascade Mountains of Western Washington and they would not return. The father missed his children; he loved them very much. And as they would travel across the mountains and had not returned, he then realized that he missed them too much so he told his children, "You must only go to the mountains. You mustn't go any further. I must be able to see you. I don't want you to leave me." So, the clouds, his children, listened and they would go as far as the mountains and wouldn't go any further. But some of the clouds would go across the mountains. Curious, as children are, to see what was over there, but when they got over there, they would not return. Most of the children listened to him and stayed on this side of the mountains.

And so, this story explains why we get more rain over here and not as much rain on the other side of the mountains. And that is all.