

# Unit 6

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## Reader's Notebook: Maiden of the Mist – A Legend of Niagara Falls

In "Maiden of the Mist", a young Seneca girl of long ago searches to find a way to help her people. Her story has been passed down as a legend telling about the creation of Niagara Falls.

Use the table below to read and think about the legend. At each stopping point, write a short response in your Reader's Notebook or discuss with a partner.

What to do	What to write or talk about	Responses to questions
Look again at the illustration on page 162. Then, read page 163 to find out what she is doing.	Where is the young girl going in her canoe and why?	She is giving herself to Hinu.
	What word would you use to describe her actions?	She is very brave and selfless.
Look at the illustrations on pages 164 and 165 to see what is happening to Lelawala.	What words in the story describe how Lelawala felt as she was tossed around?	She felt she was being carried in someone's gentle arms.
	What did Lelawala learn at the end of her tumble through the falls?	She met the son of Hinu who told her it was a snake poisoning the river.
	What was her problem now?	The son wished to marry her.
Look at the illustrations in the rest of the story. What do they tell you about what happens next? Read pages 166 to 169 to find out.	How did Lelawala help her father?	She told him about the snake in a dream and he and his warriors came to kill it.
	What did the monster have to do with the formation of Niagara Falls?	The dying monster got wedged in the boulders at the waterfall's edge. Its head was caught on one side of the river and its tail was caught on the other side. The rocks collapsed under the monster's weight and rearranged into the shape of a bent bow.
	What conflicting feelings did Lelawala's father have?	The father thought of those who had died and missed his daughter who stayed with the son.