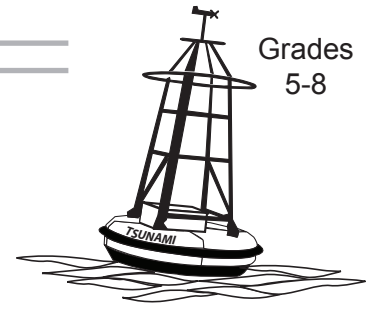


# Tlingit Legends: The Man of Lituya \_\_\_\_\_

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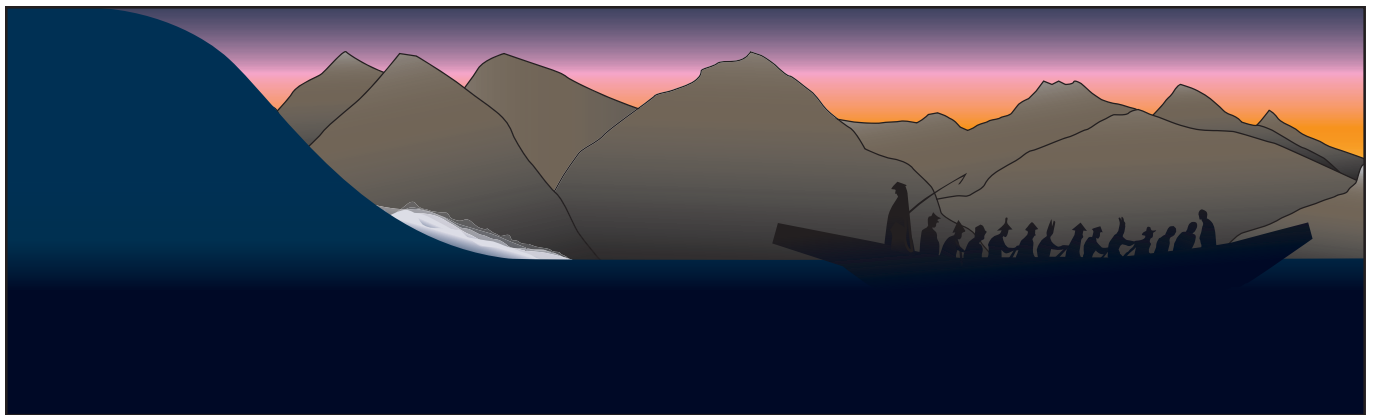
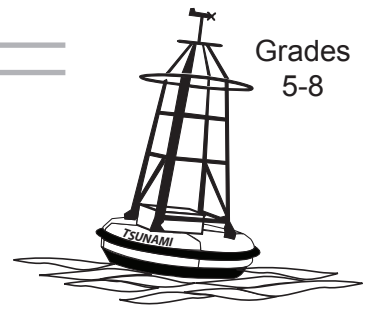


“And so the legend of Lituya tells of a monster of the deep who dwells in the ocean caverns near the entrance. He is known as Kah Lituya, ‘the man of Lituya.’ He resents any approach to his domain, and all of those whom he destroys become his slaves, and take the form of bears, and from their watch towers on the lofty mountains of the Mt. Fairweather range they herald the approach of canoes, and with their master they grasp the surface water and shake it as if it were a sheet, causing the tidal waves to rise and engulf the unwary.”

-from Emmons, G.T. (1911) “Native account of the meeting between La Perouse and the Tlingit.” *American Anthropologist*, New Series, Vol. 13, No. 2. (Apr. - Jun., 1911), pp. 294-298.

# Tlingit Legends: Lost Men \_\_\_\_\_

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An anthropologist, Frederica de Laguna recorded an account from local Tlingit Indians in the early to mid-1900s. Around 1850, a village near Dry Bay was abandoned when eight canoe loads of men from the village were lost after their canoes flipped in Lituya Bay.