

Unit 2: The Forces of Wind and Water

WEEK 5 Day 1

Writing Explanation

Pre-Assessment

Content Objective	I can write to explain how rivers change the shape of the land. (W.3.2)
Language Objective	I can orally explain how rivers change the shape of the land to my partner. (SL.2.1.a)
Materials and Preparation	• Rio Patagonia slide • Explanation Pre-Assessment sheet, 3 sheets for each child, plus a few extra copies Note that children can cut the sheets in half to reorder them, if necessary. • writing tools • Explanation Rubric, one copy to complete for each child • Explanation Pre-Assessment Reflection
Opening 9 minutes slide 2	<i>Like you did at the beginning of our personal recount unit, today you will do some writing by yourselves, without help. This gives me a better idea of what you already know and helps me plan for our new Writing unit.</i> Show the Rio Patagonia slide. <i>Take a look at this photograph. This is a picture of a river called Rio Patagonia, taken from above. The blue and white part shows the course of the river today. The other lines are other courses the river has taken, called scars. How does the river leave scars on the Earth?</i> Show the Explanation Pre-Assessment sheet. <i>Each of you will get a sheet that looks like this. At the top it says "Write to explain how rivers change the shape of the land." Then there is a place to write your name and the date.</i> <i>Before you write, you can practice your explanation by telling it.</i>

