Initial Water Story Explanation

Your Role: To create a clear and convincing explanation to others to (1) explain how or why water is changing in one community and (2) support the how or why with evidence.

Consider your Audience: 

Choose your Format: 

Think about the Topic: The question it needs to answer is:

**How are rising temperatures changing water stories in _________ community?**

Be sure your explanation includes:

- Is this normal or not normal for this place? How do you know?
- What does the data say about how things are changing (or not)?
- How or why is this happening in this community?

Helpful sentence starters for constructing your explanation include:

- The sources of water used by this community include...
- The temperature data shows a long-term pattern of...
- The precipitation data shows a long-term pattern of...
- The other data shows...
- This means...
- When temperatures rise, evaporation is affected by...
- This community’s water story is affected by...

If writing an explanation, use the space below to jot down some notes. Then write your explanation on the next page. If using a pictorial format or diagram, use a blank sheet of paper to plan and draw your ideas.
How are rising temperatures changing water stories in __________ community?

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