

Bamboo; World's Biggest Grass

Culture Exploration Kit



Sample items from the kit

Some bamboo can grow over an inch in a single hour! Explore a plant that has been supremely useful to humans for thousands of years. The great cultural significance of Bamboo in Asian countries is illuminated through this collection of artworks, utensils and food ingredients, but bamboo's pervasive presence world-wide is also highlighted with bamboo objects from countries as diverse as Papua New Guinea, Jamaica and Paraguay. Modern uses of bamboo are represented by a bamboo fiber wash-pouf and bamboo flooring. All this from a giant grass! Included are CMLC Info Cards with intriguing facts and cultural histories on each item.

Appropriate for K-12.

Highlights of this kit: Instructions for art-activities relating to bamboo; lesson plans and articles on bamboo growth cycles, giant pandas, bamboo's ecological significance and its potential hazards as an invasive plant in Oregon, and plants that are mistaken for bamboo (including the famous "lucky bamboo", which is not a bamboo at all.)

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Additional materials you might like to provide when using the kit: crafts materials such as paper & paint, assorted bamboo stalks for making didgeridoos or fishing poles.