

# Farm To Market: Tropical Fruits

## Assessment of Prior Knowledge:

- What are some tropical fruits?
- Why are some fruits called "tropical?"

## Vocabulary:

**Equator:** An invisible line that goes around the world at its center

**Tropical:** The warm and damp climate located between 20 degrees north and south of the equator

**Plantation:** The name of the farm where bananas grow

**Crown:** The leafy top of the pineapple

**Coconut Milk:** The juice from inside the coconut fruit

## Comprehension Questions:

### Bananas

1. How many bananas does the average person eat per year?
2. What is the name for a bunch of bananas? For individual bananas?
3. How does the farmer protect the bananas from birds?

### Pineapples

1. What do pineapple plants look like?
2. How long does it take a pineapple to grow full size?
3. How could you plant your own pineapple plant?
4. Where are most of the world's pineapple grown?

### Coffee

1. Where are coffee beans found?
2. What brings out the real flavor and aroma of the coffee?

## Other Fruits

1. How many seeds are inside a mango?
2. What is unique about papaya seeds?
3. Aside from growing coconuts, how is the coconut palm useful?

## Discussion Questions:

1. In the video, it says that you can grow a new pineapple bush by planting the crown of the fruit in the soil. Knowing that the pineapple is a tropical fruit, do you think this would work in the area where you live? Why or why not?

## Follow-up Activities:

- Make a tropical fruit friendship salad. Students can bring in the most exotic tropical fruits they can find and they can be put together to make a tasty and exciting salad.
- Study the tropics: What kind of countries are in this part of the world? What impact do you think the tropical climate has on the cultures here? How are these countries different from places in the far north or south?



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