

BOTANICA

GUIDE RECOMMENDED FOR 7TH-12TH GRADE

What we now call New Orleans was first called
Bvlbancha.

What does this name mean?

What language is it?



Cooked half-hitch palmetto turtle basket
Janie Verret Luster, ca. 1990, Palmetto
Loaned by Janie Verret Luster

Why was this land between Lake Pontchartrain and the Mississippi River
so important to indigenous people and later European settlers?



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This exhibit features many community gardens in New Orleans.

Why would an accessible garden be important for a community?



Choose one of these plants:

Pecans

Chicory

Bananas



How does this plant connect to the history of New Orleans?



Cypress tree,
25 feet diameter
Samuel T. Blessing,
ca. 1860-1890
Reproduction, Stereograph
Courtesy of the NY
Public Library

The Cypress tree was once prolific in Louisiana, until swampland was opened to logging in 1876. The average age of the Cypress trees being cut down in this period was 2,400 years old.

Why is Cypress wood useful?

What are the consequences of the removal of Cypress trees in Louisiana?



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