

Sweet Magnolia

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In this story by Virginia Kroll, Denise visits her grandmother, a wildlife rehabilitator for a taste of Cajun and Creole culture. After children have read about the ingredients in the gumbo and jambalaya served on the Louisiana bayou, have them discuss other cultures within our country in which foods such as rice or seafood are staples. Discuss how an area's climate and topography can influence the foods its people eat. Have the children make a food pyramid and draw the vegetables, fruits, and other crops that provide starches, proteins, oils, and sugars.

