



# Bamboo Powers

- ① Bamboo frequently appears in Edo paintings as a symbol of strength and prosperity. Bamboo is amazingly strong and resilient, as well as the fastest-growing plant on our planet. Some species of bamboo grow up to 35 inches in just 24 hours, which is a rate of almost an inch and a half per hour! If you grew that fast, you could be as tall as a skyscraper in less than 200 days!



- ② While bamboo can grow as tall as trees, they are classified as a grass because they share the physical properties of grasses—rhizomes, shoots, and blades.

- ③ What item on the following list cannot be made using bamboo?
- Flooring
  - Fabric
  - Chopsticks
  - Paper



Trick question! Bamboo is being used to make all of these things today! One of the greatest benefits of using bamboo is that it is both renewable and sustainable. What other items that you use everyday do you think could be made using bamboo?