

Bananas

Reading:

- Banana Poster In Hallway
- ProMusa Site (<http://www.promusa.org/>)




A. Historical Context

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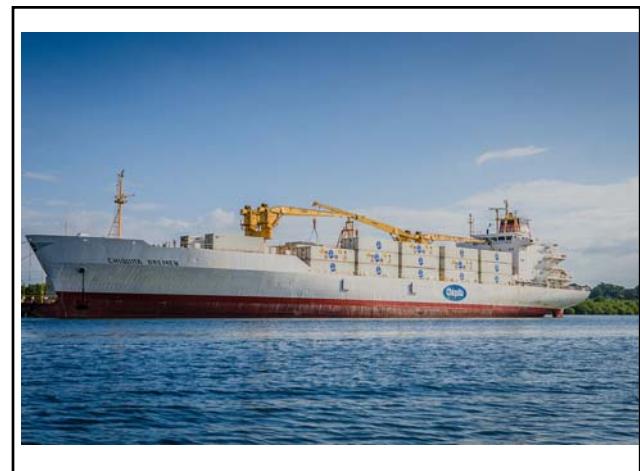
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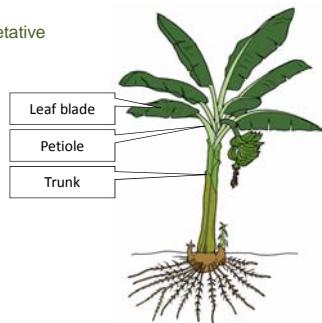
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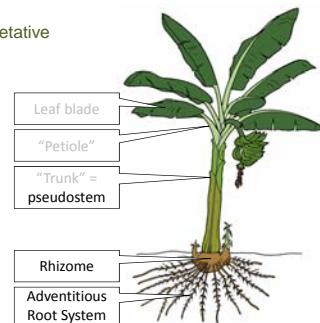
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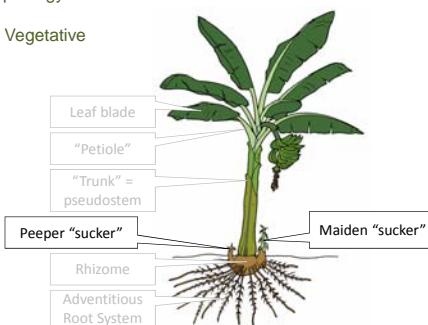
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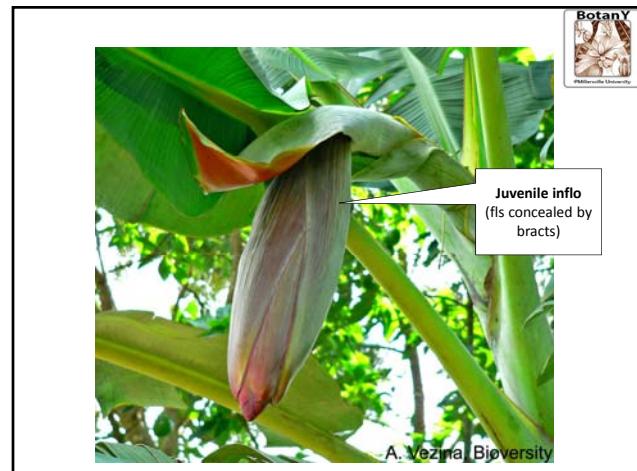
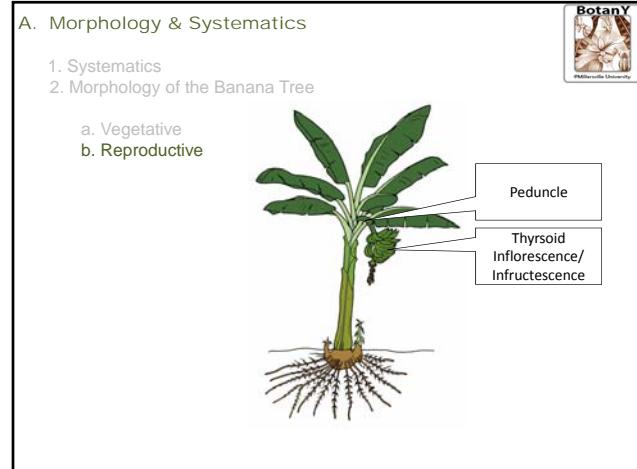
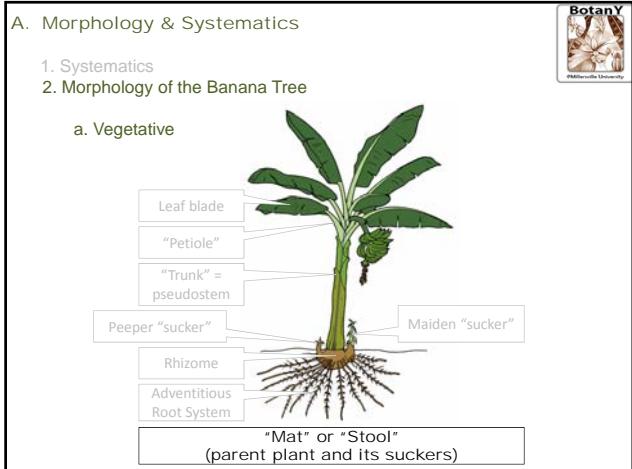


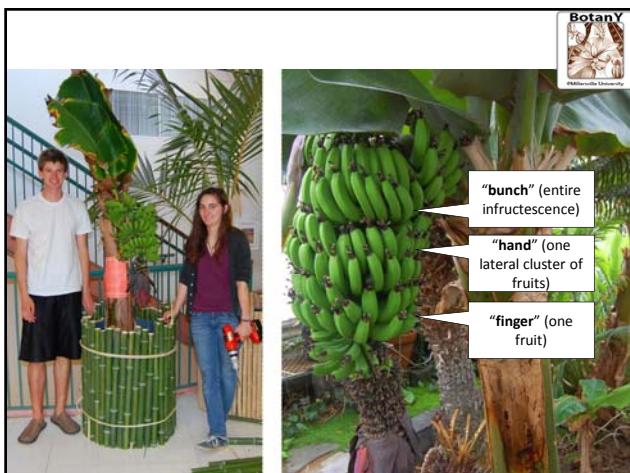
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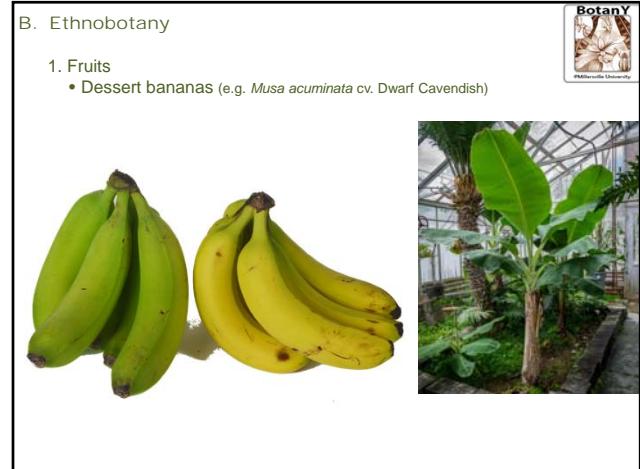
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 - b. fibers for cordage, crafts, accessory, textiles

e.g. Manila Hemp, Abacá (*M. textilis*)
e.g. Japanese Fiber Banana (*M. basjoo*)



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWBCJ7yUjVs>
- Manila Hemp Fiber extraction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CVCHAD6guo>