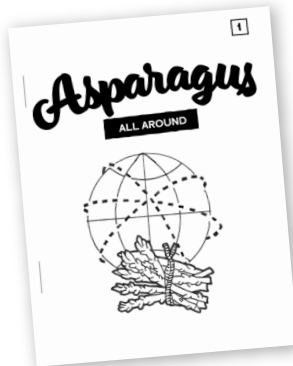
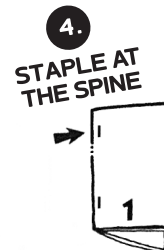
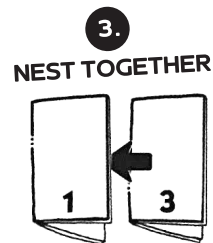
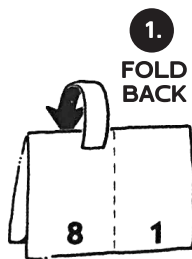
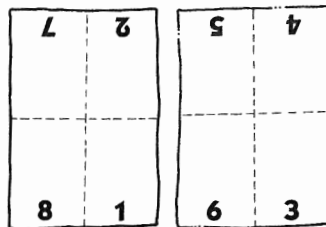


Assembling Mini Books



Mini books offer valuable content information in a kid-friendly format. Each student can be given his or her own book to keep. They can also color, draw, or annotate the book as instructed by their teacher. These books also provide a great home link, as students can take them home and share the information they are learning with their family.

To assemble a book follow these simple instructions.



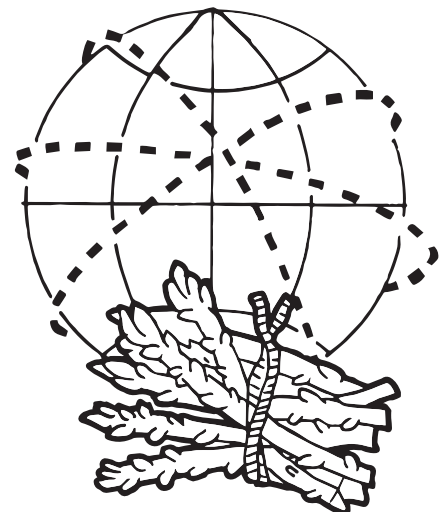
Asparagus has been grown in the United States for 200 years. That may seem like a long time, but asparagus has grown in other parts of the world for thousands of years.



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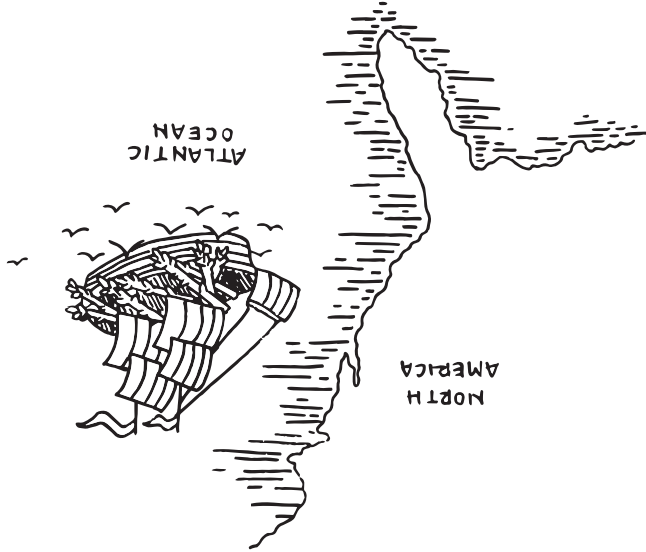
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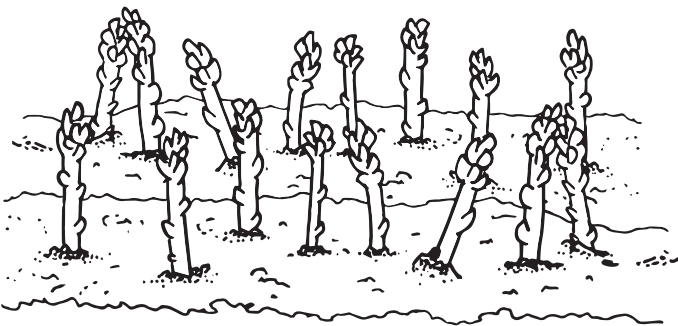


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Asparagus was brought to North America from France in the 1600s. It grew readily along the East Coast and by 1750 was commonplace. Thomas Jefferson included asparagus in his garden and served it to guests.



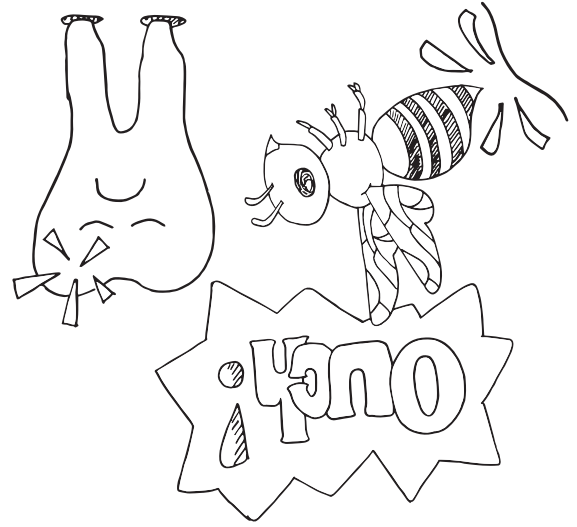
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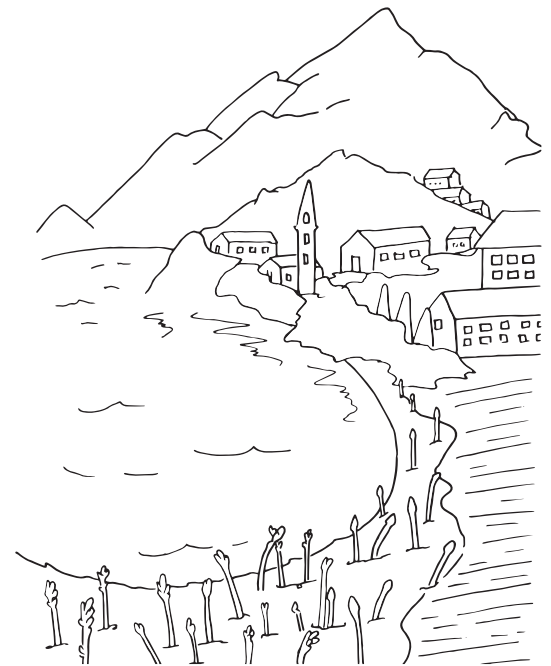
Asparagus was first planted in California during the 1850s in the San Joaquin Delta. By 1903, more than 6,000 acres were being cultivated and this grew to 36,000 acres in the 1990s. Today, fewer than 1,000 acres remain in California.

Egyptians domesticated wild asparagus, planting the seeds in rows. After harvesting the asparagus, they boiled and ate it. They also used it as a medicine to treat pain caused by toothaches and bee stings.



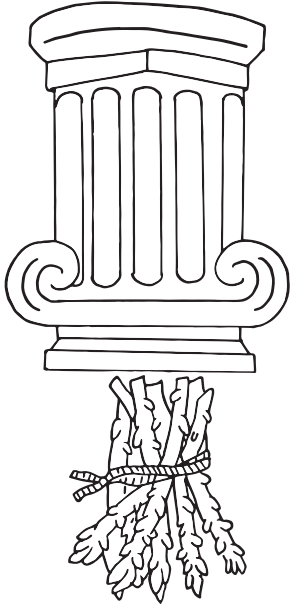
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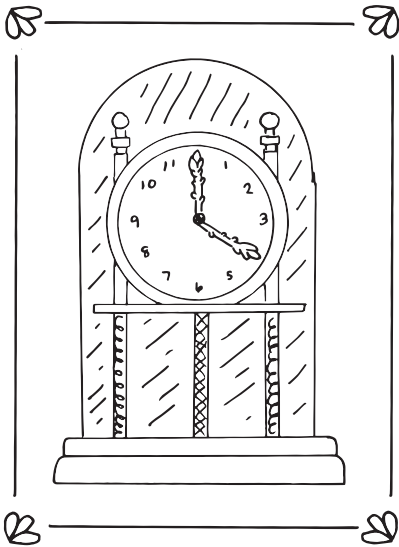
Asparagus originally grew wild in Russia, the Mediterranean, the British Isles, and parts of Africa. In nature, the plant often grew along seashores and riverbanks.

The Greeks gave asparagus its name, which comes from the Greek verb "to swell" or "to sprout." In Greek, its name describes how in the right growing conditions, asparagus can grow three to six inches in 24 hours.



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In the sixteenth century, asparagus gained popularity in France and England. France's King Louis XIV preferred the vegetable and demanded his gardeners grow it year-round. The royal gardeners developed stove houses and hotbeds to keep the royal kitchen in supply.