

Straw Craft Documentary Video Listening Comprehension Worksheet

Instructions: Click on the picture to watch the video then read the passage once. Watch the video a second time and fill in the blanks by **speaking** the correct answer. (13 pts).



The Orange Economy is an innovative economic model developed under the sponsorship of the Inter-American Development Bank. It is about combining culture, creativity and sustainable practices to grow small economies. “Going Orange” provides opportunities for many _____ to participate beneficially in the economy as self-employed persons and entrepreneurs. Creative Nassau is dedicated to increasing economic diversity in our country by promoting the creative industries in our islands such as graphic arts, painting, music, Junkanoo and _____.

Bahamian straw craft is a gift from our _____ ancestors and part of the heritage that links us to our southern United States relatives. Communities such as Long Island, Cat Island, Eleuthera and _____ used the plait to bring much income. There are close to _____ Bahamian weave patterns with names such as Sour Sop, Take Through, Peas N Rice and Jacob’s Ladder. In the Red Bays in Andros, coiled basketry was brought by the Seminoles who fled _____ in the early 19th century to escape re-enslavement.

Eunice Albertha Brown of Fox Hill begun selling straw and sisal to tourist in _____. Some items made from straw are floor coverings, placemats, serving trays, variety of baskets for storing and play things like _____. For the fashion industry, hats, hand bags, portfolios, shoes and clothing can be made. In the area of decorative designs we produce mirror frames, sculptures and wall-hangings. The 21st century has brought new growth to the industry, taking straw craft to the world. The three Cacique Award winners were Claire Sands (The Plait Lady), Wendy Kelly and Harl Taylor who was a trained fine artist. The Bahamas Straw Industry is environmentally smart using raw materials such as a variety of palms, _____ and coconut palm. Once the palms are cut, dried and stripped, the spines can be used for making _____.