

Warm-Up Activity:





Left: Six grams (a half-tola) of Cambodian oud oil is poured into the bottle that a customer purchased at an Ibraheem Al Qurashi Company store in al-Khobar, Saudi Arabia. Right: A farmer inspects an Aquilaria tree at his farm in Assam, India, from which agarwood resin, right, is extracted. (Left: Photo by Waleed Dashash; Right: Photo by Anuwar Hazarika/NurPhoto via Getty Images)

Predicting

- 1. Describe what you notice in the photos above. Focus only on the people, objects or actions you see.
- 2. What topics do you think this article will explore? Support your guess with one detail from the photo or its caption.

Exploring the Theme

- 1. In what ways do these two photos relate to how products can be made from plants?
- 2. Give an example of another plant-based product. How is it transformed from its natural form into something people can use?

Confirming Your Prediction

3. If time allows, after reading the article and completing one or more activities, read over the section, "What is Oud?", in the article. How does it confirm or challenge your initial prediction?