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CreativiTEA

Creative writing ideas inspired by this amazing tea brick

The origins of teas

Just one object can provoke new thinking. Teachers and museum learning staff at a CPD session worked with author Gabrielle Kent to wonder about tea. Here are the teas their imaginations conjured.

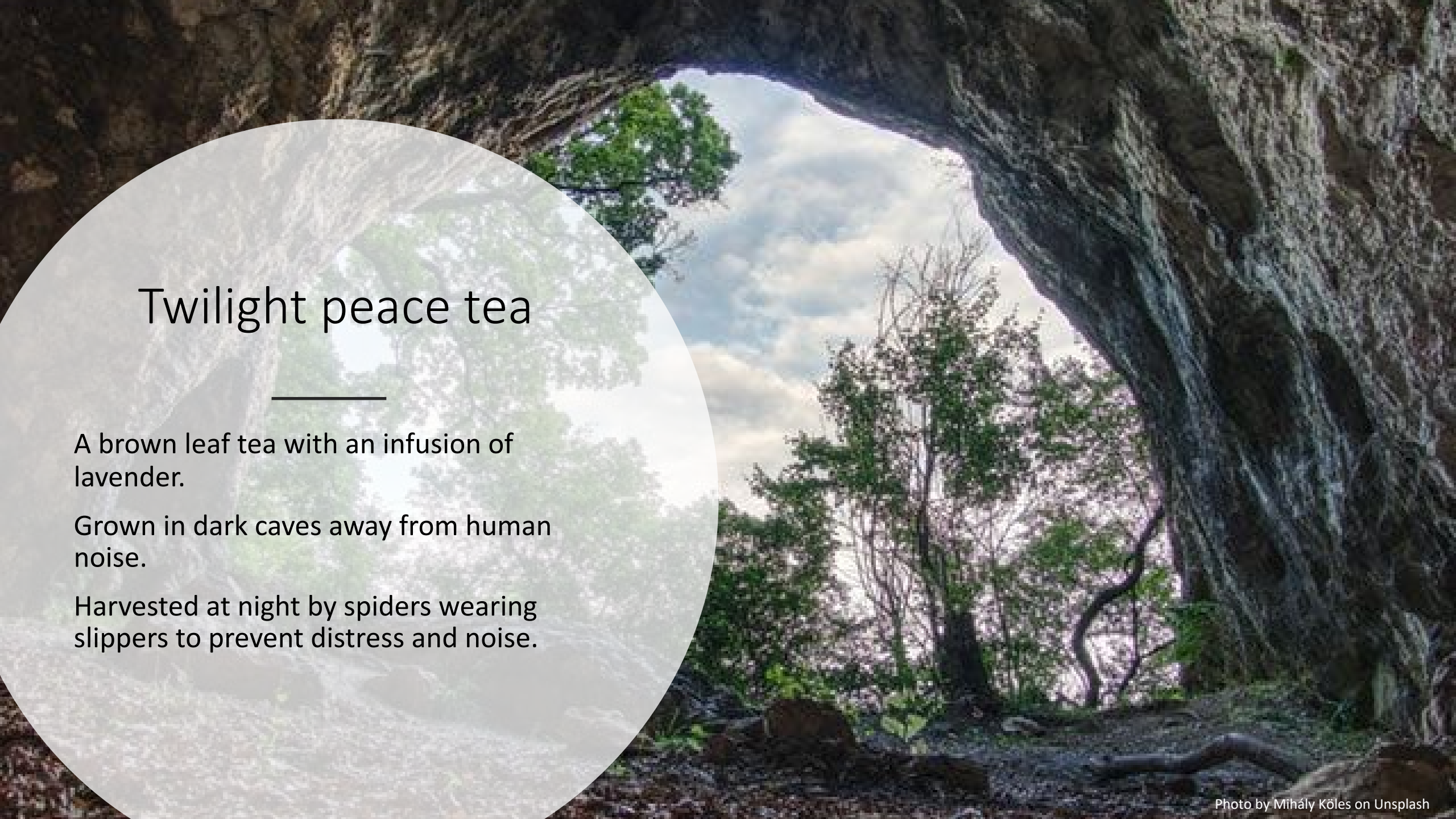
Photo by Alice Pasqual on Unsplash

Twilight peace tea

A brown leaf tea with an infusion of lavender.

Grown in dark caves away from human noise.

Harvested at night by spiders wearing slippers to prevent distress and noise.



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Sphynx Tea

Grown in the Oases in Egypt - picked by sphynx cats.

A strong black tea with hints of sand and fish.

Best served with a little sugar and cats' milk.

Magical love potion tea-

Grown in the highest clouds and harvested on 14th February.

Flutters down to Earth in the form of love heart confetti!

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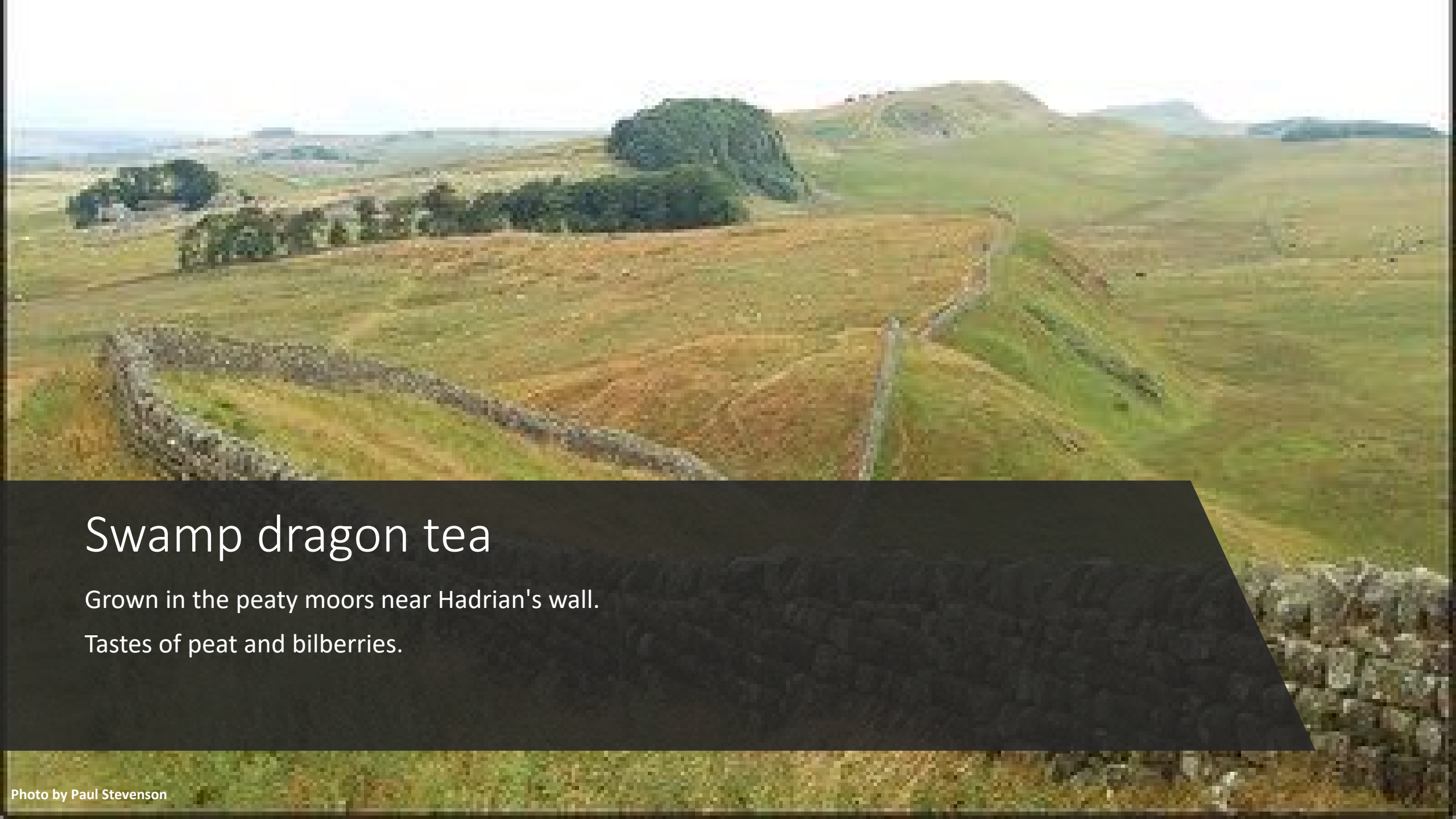

Swamp dragon tea

Grown in the peaty moors near Hadrian's wall.

Tastes of peat and bilberries.

Photo by Paul Stevenson

African Diamond Tea

Grown in Diamond mines in Africa (hence the name).

It tastes like liquid gold and is rich and smooth.

It makes your skin glow and your eyes shine - especially in the dark.

Lunar-crunch tea

Grown from moon dust.

Harvested only on the 29th February by astronauts.

Photo by Huw Gwilliam

Photo by Bjørn Are With Andreassen

Mood Changing Mega Brew

Harvested by unicorns in the Northern Lights.

Gives you the ability to change your mood as you drink it.

Photo by Olena Sergienko

ICICLE TEA

Tea that grows in the North Pole - you have to know exactly where to look for it.

It must be picked on the longest day of the year - when the sun doesn’t set.

Photo by Medina Spahić

Active blend

Grown at the top of a volcano and must be picked by specialist geographers.

Yorkshire cave spider tea

Made from ground dry bat droppings in Cleveland mines.

They eat fermented tea which grows in the dark and is harvested by trained cave spiders.

Photo by Rex Pickar

Salt Tea

Grown between the rocks of the Galapagos Islands.

Chewed out by lizards and colour changing dependant on mood.

Tastes of salt water and mint.

Harry Ginger Ninja Tea

Grows in the sunniest spot in the garden and harvested between naps.

Gives you the feeling of a warm cat on the lap

Photo by Fernando Vega

ChocTea

Grown in rainforest in Guatemala and harvested by jaguars.

Photo by Monika Grabkowska

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Why don’t you…

Dream up your own teas – where do they grow, what do they taste like?

Design packaging for your tea, or for one of the teas in these slides.

Set up a pretend tea room with tea pots and tea strainers, cups and saucers and loose tea in jars. What’s on the menu?

Photo by Aboodi Vesakaran

This resource was created by Tees Valley Museums, using ideas generated at a CPD session about using objects in Literacy teaching. With thanks to all the teachers for their wonderful ideas.

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