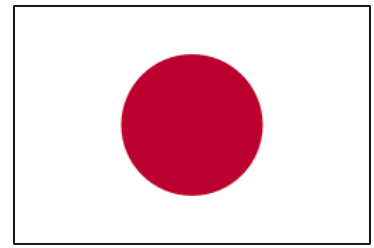


# Japan



**Geography Words:** stratovolcano, shield volcano, hot springs, continental shelf

## Japan Geography:

6,852 islands

Pacific Ocean

Sea of Japan

East China Sea

Mount Fuji

Tokyo (9 million people)

**World War I: Allies**

**World War II : Axis**

Iwo Jima (memorial),

Hiroshima, Nagasaki

(atomic bombs killed between

105,000-120,000 people &

destroyed 70% of buildings.

Germany had surrendered in May

– yet Japan did not until August)

## Japanese Traditions & Culture

**Samurai** – special armor, helmet, code of conduct

**Tea Ceremony** – specific, beautiful, precise

**Gardens & Bonsai** – precise, lovely, purposeful

**Calligraphy** – elegant writing

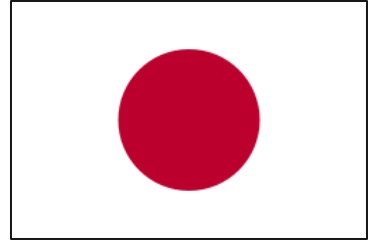
**Sushi** – rice, raw fish, rolled, chop sticks

**Anime & Manga** – big eyes, wild hair, “Disney of Japan”

**Origami** – originated in China Paper Cranes special to Japan.

**Sumo Wrestling** - very large men wrestling - treated like celebrities

**Japan Exports:** Motor vehicles, Electronic equipment, Machine tools, Steel and nonferrous metals, Ships, Chemicals, Textiles, Processed foods. *The economy of Japan is the third-largest in the world*



## Japan Activities

Try writing your name in Japanese – use this website for help!

<http://japanesetranslator.co.uk/dictionaries/your-name-in-japanese/>

Read: *You Wouldn't Want to Be a Samurai*

Check out an Origami book from the library and learn to fold Japanese Paper Cranes.

Build Japan out of Legos. Or create the volcanoes on Minecraft.

Create a Salt Dough Map of Japan. (1 cup salt, 1 cup flour, ½ cup water. I use the top of pizza boxes for the base of the map). Be sure to make a huge Mount Fuji.

Learn about the Tea Ceremony and try to enjoy one at your home.

Cook (or buy) Sushi! If you do not like rice, fish, etc. try rolling a peanut butter and jelly (ham & cheese, etc.) sandwich and cutting it “sushi style”.

Read, *You Wouldn't Want to Be a World War II Pilot*

Make a chalk pastel cherry blossom trees – or create our [paper bag cherry blossom](#) activity.