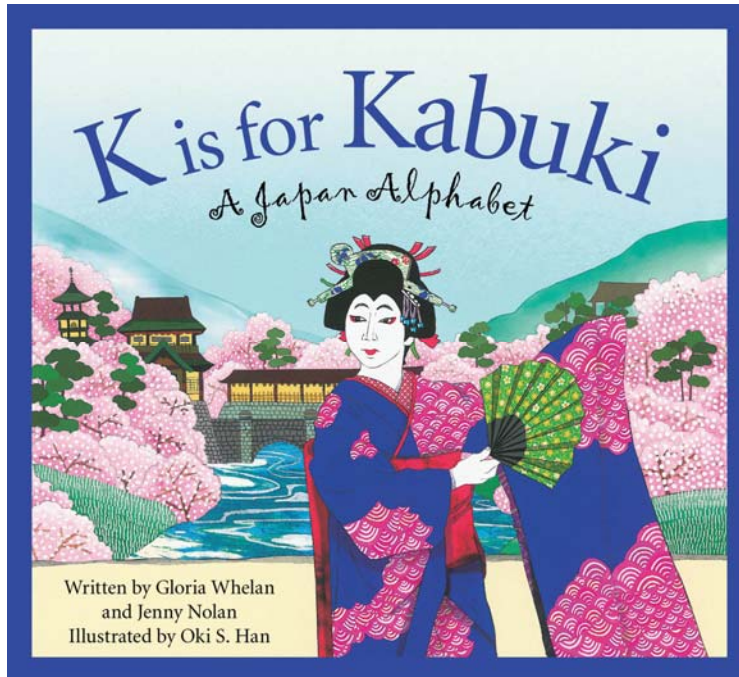


# Teacher's Guide



## **K is for Kabuki A Japan Alphabet**

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# CROSSWORD OF JAPAN

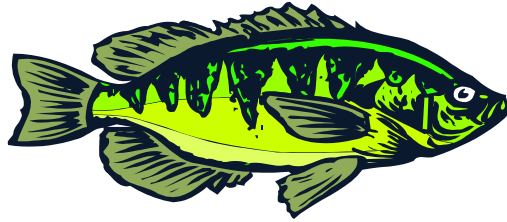


After reading the book *K is for Kabuki* search through the book for the answers to complete this crossword.

1. **J**    \_\_\_\_\_
2. **A**    \_\_\_\_\_
3. **P**    \_\_\_\_\_
4. **A**    \_\_\_\_\_
5. **N**    \_\_\_\_\_

1. A form of martial arts \_\_\_\_\_
2. The name of Japan's current emperor \_\_\_\_\_
3. Bunraku is a type of theater using \_\_\_\_\_
4. The Japanese word for thank you is \_\_\_\_\_
5. The Akita is the \_\_\_\_\_ dog of Japan.

# TONS OF FISH MATH



Japan has one of the world's largest fish markets. The market sells 2,000 tons of fish daily. That's a lot of fish!

1 ton = 2,000 pounds

Solve these fishy problems. Show your work.

1. How many pounds are there in  $\frac{1}{2}$  a ton of fish?
2. How many tons of fish would the market sell in 4 days?
3. On Wednesday the market sold 5,000 pounds of tuna. How many tons was this?
4. The fish market sold 10,000 pounds of mackerel. How many tons was this?
5. How many pounds in  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton?

# A IS FOR AKITA AND MANY OTHER DOGS!

Dogs are wonderful animals to have as pets. Read about the Akita dog and learn about its loyalty in *K is for Kabuki*.

Put the dogs in the box in alphabetical order. Be careful; this might be a little tricky!

<b>American Bulldog</b>	<b>American Water Spaniel</b>	<b>Andalusian Polenca</b>
<b>Atlas Terrier</b>		<b>Azawakh</b>
<b>Akita Inu</b>	<b>American Eskimo Dog</b>	<b>Australian Cattle Dog</b>
<b>Ariegeois</b>		<b>Austrian Shorthaired Pinscher</b>

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

# DRAMA IN JAPAN

Theater plays a very important role in Japan's history. There are many different types of theater and drama in Japan. The book *K is for Kabuki* will help you learn the different types of drama.

Use the word box below to match each style of theater with its meaning.

<b>Omozukai</b>	<b>Bunraku</b>	<b>Noh</b>
<b>Kabuki</b>	<b>Kyogen</b>	

1. \_\_\_\_\_ skill or accomplishment
2. \_\_\_\_\_ means "mad words"
3. \_\_\_\_\_ theater with puppets
4. \_\_\_\_\_ a play that is colorful and full of spectacle
5. \_\_\_\_\_ a puppeteer

Which is your favorite type of theater? Explain

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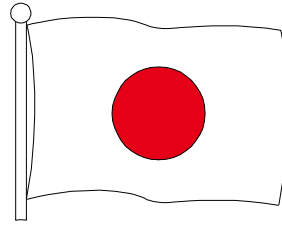
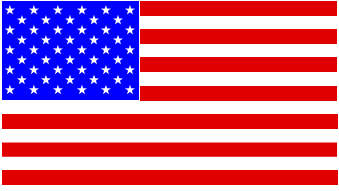
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# Compare the United States' and Japan's Governments



After you've learned the parts of the Japanese government you may want to review the parts of the United States government.

Complete the chart below comparing the two governments.

## United States

Type of Government

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Congress

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Leader

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## Japan

Type of Government

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Diet

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Leader

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Head of Country

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# WHO'S WHO IN JAPAN



Each country has citizens who have done something to make their country proud of them. Japan is no exception. The people in the box below each made important contributions to Japan.

Match the people below with their claim to fame.

<b>Ueno Hidesamuroh</b>	<b>Meiji</b>	<b>Ando Hiroshige</b>
<b>Shima Hideo</b>	<b>Akihito</b>	<b>Matsuo Bashō</b>

1. \_\_\_\_\_ designed the bullet train
2. \_\_\_\_\_ first modern emperor
3. \_\_\_\_\_ famous writer of Haiku poetry
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Hachiko's owner
5. \_\_\_\_\_ current emperor of Japan
6. \_\_\_\_\_ master of the woodblock print



## WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE?

Japan is composed of hundreds of islands. Everyone in Japan lives on an island. The large islands have big cities. In other parts of the world people live on mountains, in deserts, and in big cities.

Survey your class to see which type of living the students would prefer.

**Desert**

**Mountain**

**Island**

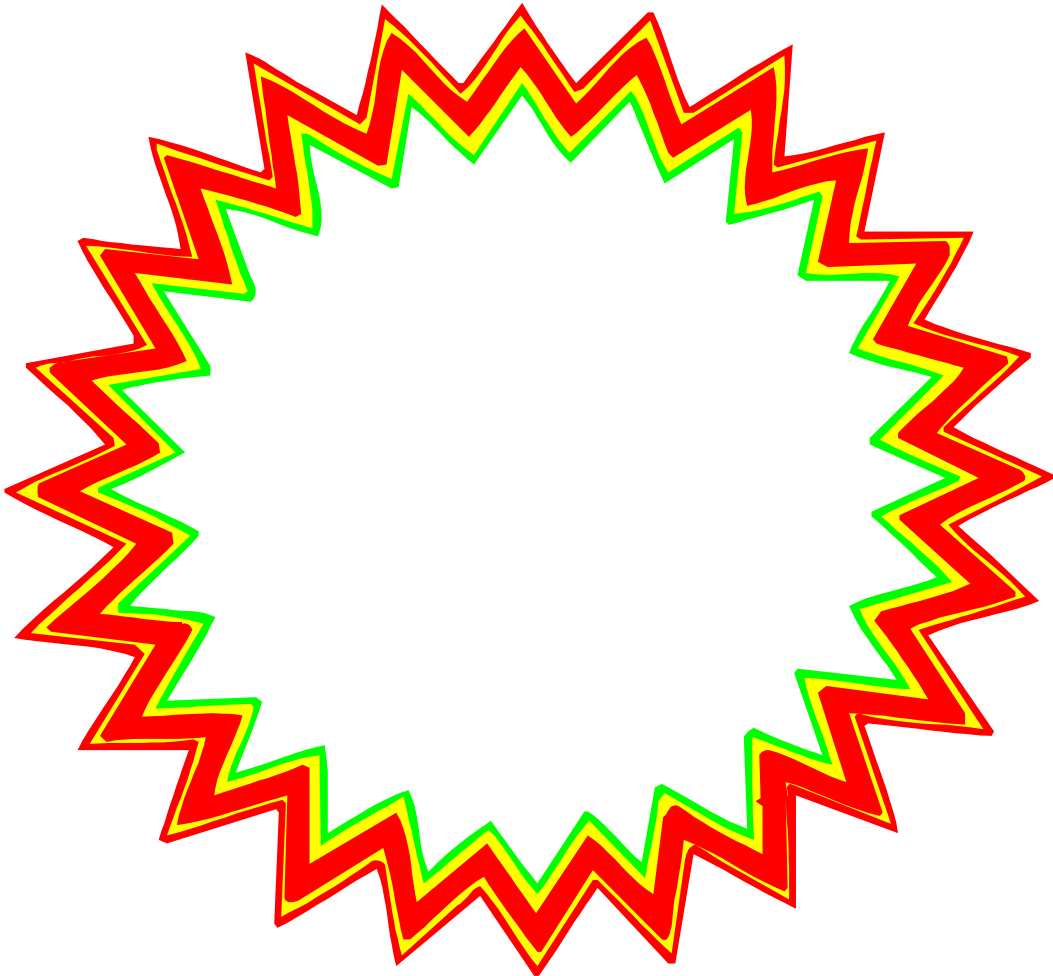
**Big City**

Use the information from your survey to make a bar graph showing the results. Make your graph colorful and easy to read. Make sure it has a title.

# LIFE ON AN ISLAND

Japan is made up of a series of islands. There are four large islands and more than 3,000 small islands.

Imagine you live on a small island anywhere in the world.  
Brainstorm all of the difficulties that you have by living on an island.  
Example: can't drive off the island.





## SEEK AND FIND IN *KABUKI*

Each of the answers needed to answer these questions can be found in the book *K is for Kabuki*.

1. Name the four main islands of Japan \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the name of Japanese money? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is *wasabi*? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name the religion practiced by most Japanese \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is Japanese paper folding called? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is the Japanese word for comics? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What does the word *judo* mean? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Where would you use an *obi*? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Are there bears in Japan? \_\_\_\_\_
10. The former fishing village of Edo is now called \_\_\_\_\_
11. Name the highest mountain in Japan \_\_\_\_\_
12. What does the cherry blossom symbolize? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What is the fastest speed the bullet train has traveled? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Is an Akita a ferocious dog? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Write the Japanese word for garden \_\_\_\_\_

# JAPAN'S GEOGRAPHY



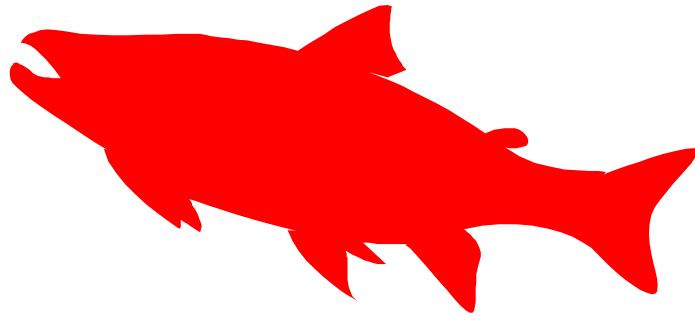
Japan has many different geographical landforms. How can you match geographical terms and their meanings?

Place each geographical term from the box below with its meaning.

<b>island</b>	<b>volcano</b>	<b>lake</b>	<b>river</b>
<b>peninsula</b>	<b>mountain</b>	<b>archipelago</b>	
	<b>forest</b>	<b>harbor</b>	

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a dense area of trees
2. \_\_\_\_\_ a large stream of water that flows into another body of water
3. \_\_\_\_\_ land surrounded by water on all sides
4. \_\_\_\_\_ a body of water completely surrounded by land
5. \_\_\_\_\_ landform with a high elevation and a pointed or rounded top
6. \_\_\_\_\_ a mountain that opens down to a pool of molten rock that is below the surface of the earth
7. \_\_\_\_\_ a group of many islands
8. \_\_\_\_\_ a sheltered area of water where ships can anchor safely
9. \_\_\_\_\_ land surrounded by water on all but one side

# MAKE A JAPANESE FISH KITE



Kites can be seen flying all over Japan. Many of them depict fish. Why do you think they like fish? Learn about Japan in *K is for Kabuki*. After reading the book see if your answer changes. Have fun making a Japanese fish kite.

## **Materials**

White bulletin board paper  
Tempura paint and brushes  
Tissue paper (colored)  
Glitter, sequins, etc.  
String

## **Directions**

1. Draw and cut two matching fish patterns on paper. Make them large enough to be flown as a kite.
2. Glue or staple the two patterns together around the edges except for the mouth and the tail; they should be open.
3. Decorate both sides of the fish.
4. Attach string to the mouth of the fish and pull to make sure air passes through the body from the mouth through the tail.

Draw a picture of the fish kite you plan to make.

# FUN WITH MANGA

Do you like comic books? The Japanese love comic books! Manga are a type of Japanese comic book. Manga stories can be about anything. All manga characters should have large eyes and wild hair.

Draw a four-panel manga-style cartoon.









# Japanese Puppet Play

The Japanese enjoy many different types of theatre. One type of theatre uses puppets. Read about the theatre in Japan on the D page of *K is for Kabuki*.

Write a puppet play about Japan. Use at least 3 different characters.

Use the space below to brainstorm ideas for your play. Describe your characters. Write your play on a separate sheet of paper. Have fun!  
Draw pictures of what your puppets will look like on this paper.

# HAIKU, RENGA, TANKA

Poetry is not for sissies! Poetry was written by samurai warriors in Japan. There are several types of Japanese poetry that you will have fun writing.

**HAIKU** poetry contains three lines. The first line contains five syllables. The second line contains seven syllables and the third line contains five syllables. Haiku uses a moment in time to explain something about life. It usually deals with nature.

Write a haiku poem.

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**RENGA** poetry is a style of poetry that has one person writing the first line of a haiku and a second person writes the next line and a third person writes the final line. Find two friends to join you in writing a renga poem.

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**TANKA** is a form of Japanese poetry that has five lines. Lines one and three each have five syllables. Lines two, four, and five each have seven syllables. Write a tanka poem.

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## TRAVEL TO JAPAN

Make a travel poster

Japan is full of many interesting places to see and things to do. Design a travel poster based on one or two things you think make Japan special. Why would a person want to visit Japan?

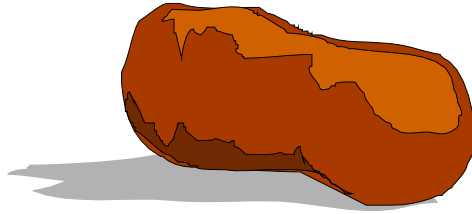
Use bold colors on your poster.

Use this sheet to do a rough sketch of your poster.

Do your final poster on a 12 x 18 sheet of white paper.

Make sure your poster is eye-catching and would interest people.

# JAPANESE CANDIED SWEET POTATOES



Enjoy making and eating this recipe for sweet potatoes, Japanese style. Do this in the presence of an adult.

## **Ingredients**

- 1 pound of sweet potatoes
- 1/3 cup of sugar
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 teaspoon of sesame seeds

## **Directions**

1. Peel sweet potatoes and cut into bite-sized pieces.
2. Fry the sweet potatoes in vegetable oil until brown.
3. In a small pan mix sugar, water, and soy sauce.
4. Heat on low until mixture turns sticky. Stir frequently to prevent burning.
5. Add sweet potatoes to the mixture (off the stove).
6. Mix sugar and potatoes. Add sesame seeds and stir.
7. Eat and enjoy!

Compare this recipe to an American recipe for sweet potatoes. How are they alike? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How are they different? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

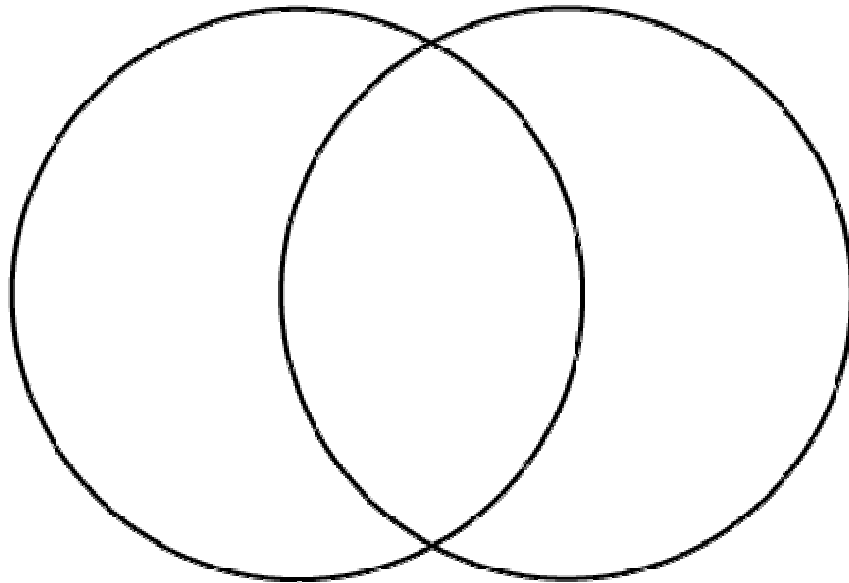
Which type of sweet potatoes do you like better? \_\_\_\_\_



# COMPARE THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN

The book *K is for Kabuki* is full of information about the country of Japan. You will find that there are similarities and differences between the United States and Japan.

Make a Venn diagram comparing the United States and Japan.

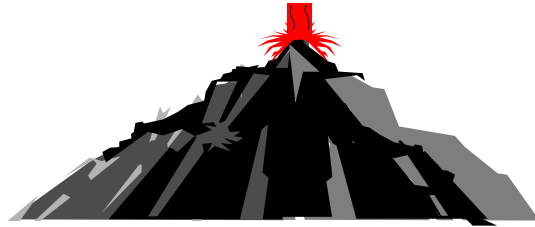


United States

both

Japan

# VOLCANOES ON THE INTERNET



Japan is a land of many volcanoes. They are part of an area called the Pacific Rim of Fire. This is an area that has frequent earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

Make a list of at least five things you would like to know about volcanoes.

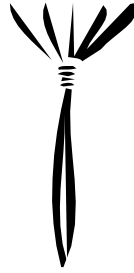
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- 5.

Use the internet to find the answers to your questions. Write your answers below.

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- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Use a search engine to help you.

# MAKE A MINIATURE ZEN GARDEN



The Japanese people love nature. Most of the people in Japan live on only 20 percent of the land. This means they live in very crowded cities. The people are looking for ways to enjoy nature, simplicity, and meditation. Read about Zen gardens on the Z page of *K is for Kabuki*. Zen gardens make the viewer feel peaceful. Where is your peaceful place?

Make either a Zen garden or a diorama of your own peaceful place.

Draw a picture of what your peaceful place looks like.  
Get the materials needed and make your own Zen garden.

# K is for Kabuki

## Answer Key

**Japanese crossword-** 1) Jujitsu 2) Akihito 3) puppets  
4) arigato 5) national

**Tons of fish Math-** 1) 1,000 2) 8,000 3) 2 ½ tons 4) 5 tons  
5) 500 pounds

**Dogs in Alphabetical Order-**1) Akita Inu 2) American Bulldog  
3) American Eskimo Dog 4) American Water Spaniel 5) Andalusian Polenca  
6) Ariegeois 7) Atlas Terrier 8) Australian Cattle Dog 9) Austrian Shorthaired  
Pinscher 10) Azawakh

**Drama in Japan-** 1) noh 2) kyogen 3) bunraku 4) kabuki 5) omozukai

**United States and Japanese Governments-** U.S.- democracy, Congress-House of  
Representatives and Senate. President  
Japan- constitutional monarchy, Diet- House of Representatives, House of Councillors  
Leader- Prime Minister, Head of Country- Emperor

**Who's Who in Japan-** 1) Shima Hideo 2) Meiji 3) Matsuo Bashō 4) Ueno  
Hidesamuroh 5) Akihito 6) Ando Hiroshige

**Seek and Find-** 1) Shikoku, Kyushu, Hokkaido, Honshu 2) yen 3) hot, spicy, green  
paste 4) Buddhism 5) origami 6) manga 7) gentle way 8) kimono 9) yes  
10) Tokyo 11) Mt. Fuji 12) a peaceful death 13) 277 mph 14) no 15) niwa

**Japan's Geography-** 1) forest 2) river 3) island 4) lake 5) mountain 6) volcano  
7) archipelago 8) harbor 9) peninsula