



Konichiwa!

Welcome to Japan WebQuest

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Introduction

Konichiwa means "welcome" in the Japanese language! You are about to embark on a wonderful and memorable trip to the country of Japan. You are going to learn some basic information about the country, people, and culture of Japan, and report back to your classmates about what you have learned!

Before you begin your journey to Japan, have a brief conversation with your neighbor about what you already know about Japan, and think about what you might like to find out!



The Task

During this webquest you will learn some information about this fascinating country.

You will learn about Japan's:

- Geography
- Population
- Food
- Holidays and celebrations

- Sports and pastimes
- Traditions
- Industries

You will be collecting this information to write a special note to try to persuade Mrs. Stafstrom to pay for an all-expenses paid trip for you to visit Japan.



The Process

Read the questions and follow the links to find information to answer them. Read and follow the directions carefully.

1. Follow the link below to find out how Japan is divided and how many people live on this island. Don't forget, you have to view the map and scroll down to the paragraphs below the map to find your answers:

<http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/explore/regions/index.html>

2. Use the link below to collect information about basic Japanese facts. How similar and/or different is Japan to our country?

<http://www.timeforkids.com/destination/japan>

3. Are Japanese kids that much different from you? Read information about the sports they like to play

and using text evidence explain why you are different or similar to a Japanese 3rd grader:

<http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/explore/sports/index.html>

4. Do you think your life is similar to a Japanese student? Look at what Ryuichi Kishi is doing at 12:25pm. Is that similar to what you would be doing then?

<http://www.timeforkids.com/destination/japan/day-in-life>

5. What would it be like to be able to communicate in Japanese? Maybe you can?!? Follow the link below and write the Japanese words for sun, person and tree:

<http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/explore/language/index.html>

6. What are some of the foods that are often eaten in Japan? Think about how where they live may effect what they eat. Follow the link below to gather information:

http://online.culturegrams.com/kids/kids_country_sub_categories.php?contid=3&wmn=Asia&cid=26&KidsSubCatID=9

7. What is an important Japanese Holiday? How do they celebrate it? Is it similar to any holiday here?

http://online.culturegrams.com/kids/kids_country_sub

[_categories.php?contid=3&wmn=Asia&cid=26&KidsSubCatID=8](#)

8. Go on Culturegrams and read about something that you have always wondered about Japan...

Congratulations! You have completed the 3rd Grade Japan Webquest.