

# Japan

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# Map

- Japan has tall mountains, wide forests, and long rivers. The country is completely surrounded in water. They're located in the ring of fire.



# History

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- Japan was settled by Paleolithic people from Asian mainland, around 30,000 BC. Rice got introduced from Asia and the people who had the most rice/food became royalty throughout Japan. In 593 Prince Shotoku introduced religion (Buddhism).
- In 645 the government got taken over by Naka no Ōe, Emperor Kōtoku, and Nakatomi no Kamatari. They made Japan's government more like China's government.
- Around 1010 the government stopped caring so people who had money hired samurai to protect themselves and their stuff from criminals. In 1192 the samurai formed their own military government because they became more powerful than the government. The emperor is still emperor but the shogunate is actually in control.

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- In 1274 the mongols attempted to invade japan but died trying in 1281, but again it ended in there death.
- The emperor over-threw the sogunate in 1333, but in 1336 the sogunate over-threw the emperor and created a new sogunate.
- In 1464 the counetry broke apart fighting over who should get power and leadership.
- In 1558 a small klan invades the capital. The new ruler confiscated everyones weapons after conquering all of japan. Then died trying to conquer korea and china.
- In the year 1649 the new emperor closed the counetry, also around this time schools and everyone learned literature.

# History



- In 1853 the USA signed a contract with Japan stating that the US, Britain, and Russia can visit Japan. Two Japanese clans didn't like this so they overthrew the government, created a new government, and conquered Korea.
- The UK and Japan form an alliance in 1902. In 1904 Japan goes to war with Russia, but they call it a draw.
- 1914, World War I, where Japan conquered some islands and a small part of China.
- During the Great Depression Japan's economy crashed, but the military's fine so in 1931 they invade Manchuria. They kept invading more and more of China, and planned to take over the whole Middle East.



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- Just before world war 2 germany, italy, and japan all formed an ilence because they had a lot in commen. Then ww2 happens and the USA is pretty much staying out of it until japan and germany challenge them to war. The US bombs japan. ( the usa won )
- Japan got a new government inspierd buy the USA's government, so they had a post war eceonomic boost.
- Now in the 1970's japan is making good technology like tv's, cars, and camcorders. Then they got kinda rich. Then a little less rich. Now there stable.

## Culture

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- The arts are important to Japanese culture. Such as; dances, poetry, and such.
- The 2 main religions in Japan are Buddhism and Shinto, so there are temples and shrines all over Japan.
- In Japan they often celebrate with festivals and fireworks.
- In Japan they have the Japanese Tea Ceremony which is a symbol of harmony and respect.



# What I like about Japan

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- As a tourist, if you can only speak a few phrases in Japanese, that's alright because most people in Japan can speak/understand a little English.
- Most people in Japan are incredibly polite and friendly when talking to foreigners.
- Japanese food is my favorite.
- Technology in Japan is unbelievable and it has been to the rest of the world for a while. (a few decades)
- I really like to watch and read Japanese anime and manga.



# How does FJH benefit from having this culture at our school?

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- Fishers junior high benefits from having Japanese culture at our school because, like with any other culture here, we get to learn about and experience Japanese culture. Having other cultures at fjh inspires students to learn about them, and potentially visit these countries one day.

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