

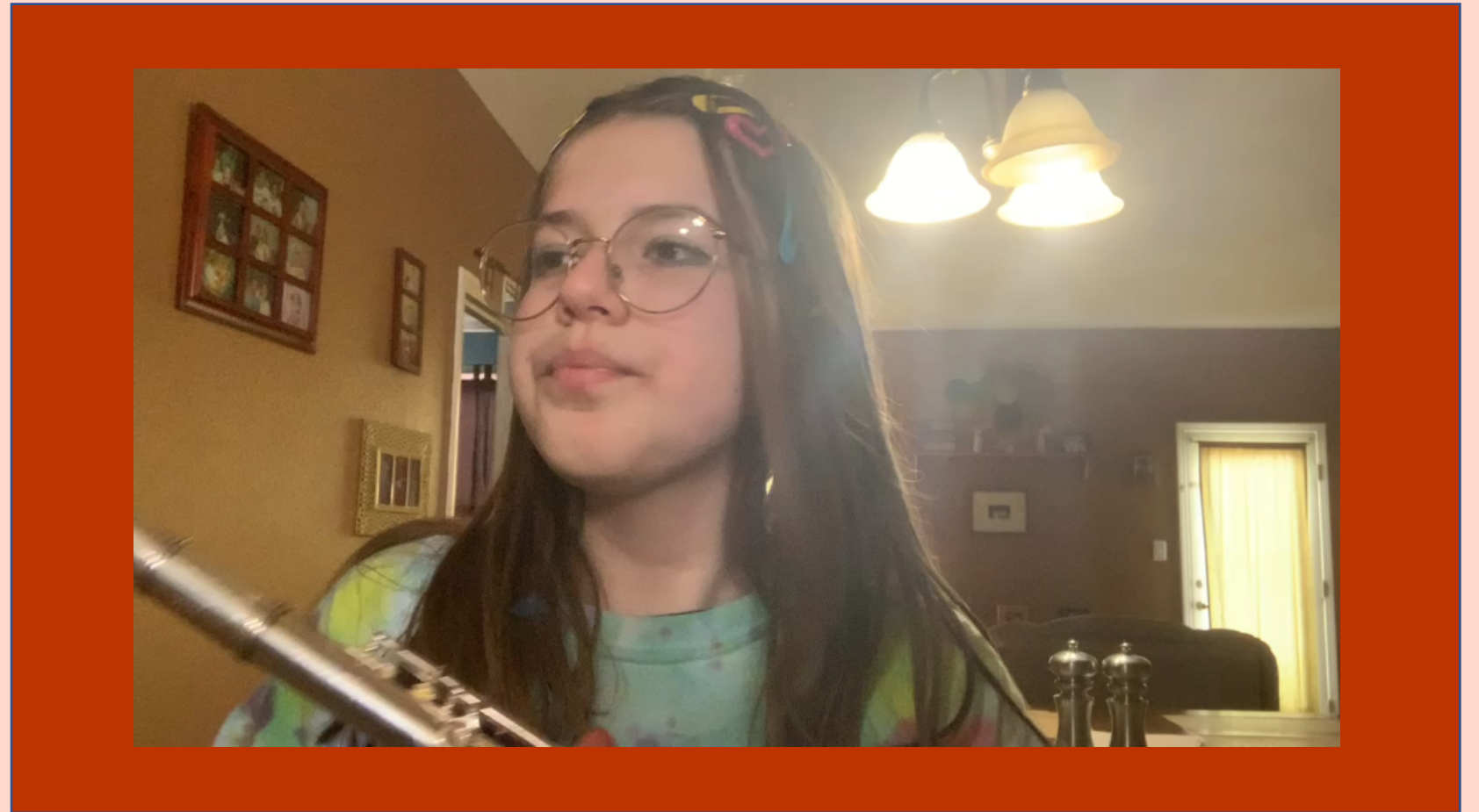
Japan

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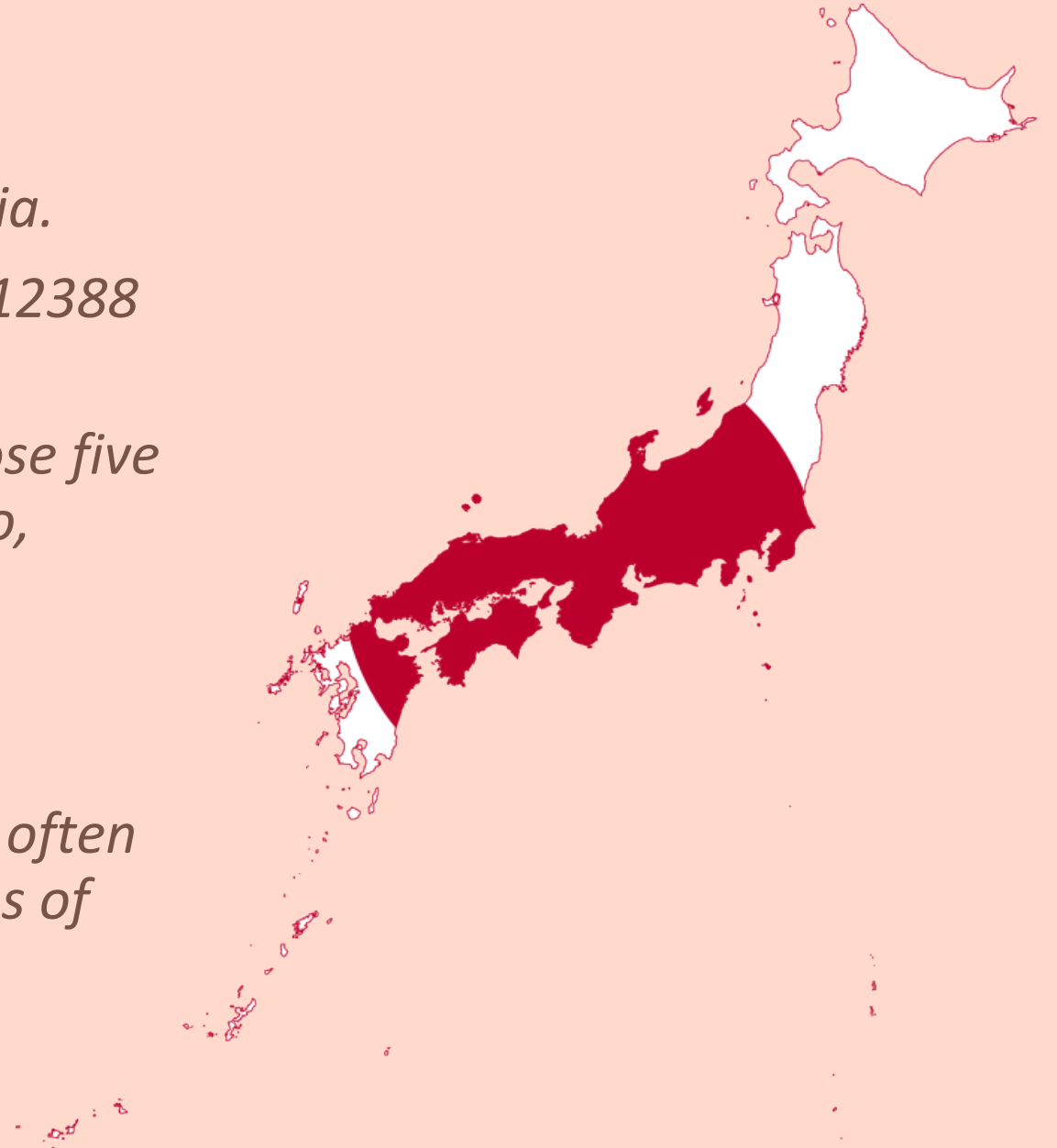
Cultural Performance

- *Moon over the ruined Castle (Kōjō no Tsuki) on flute.*



Where is your country?

- *Japan is an Island nation located in East Asia.*
- *Home to the famous Mount Fuji, standing 12388 ft tall*
- *On top of Mount Fuji, there are 5 lakes, those five lakes are Kawaguchiko, Saiko, Yamanakako, Shojiko, and Motosuko.*
- *Japan has a lot of different weathers and temperatures.*
- *In beaches and places such as Okinawa, its often very hot and warm, but in the upper regions of Japan, it can reach very cold temperatures*



What are some interesting facts about its history?

- *35,000 years ago, Japans first citizens settled by Paleolithic people.*
- *The culture in japan started truly developing at quick speed in the herein era. Poetry, art, music writing etc. was endured by the imperial capital.*
- *The earliest found evidence of inhabitants was a Kofum, Aka large burial mounds, from around 250 AD.*
- *For a long period of time, Japan was ruled by samurai lords, or Shoguns.*
- *After japans surrender in WWII, Japan grew into the defined nation it is today.*



What are some interesting facts about its culture?



- *Up until the 19th century all of Japan was vegetarian.*
- *When it comes to wearing shoes inside, even in places like restaurants, you're supposed to wear special slippers. In Japanese homes, you can just wear socks also.*
- *Japan is the founder of many video game consoles/companies. EX: Nintendo, Sega, and Playstation.*
- *To show respect and gratitude to people you'd bow. Even with your friends you'd bow.*
- *When eating food with chopsticks, you're not supposed to leave the chopsticks in the food, but have them pointed out. This is supposedly an offering to deceased relatives.*

What do you like best about this country?

- One of my favorite things about Japan is its uniqueness from other places and cultures. Many of our everyday things come from Japan (listed in the next slide)
- Another thing I like is the beauty of the country in general. Celebrations, nature, etc. are always eye-catching and gorgeous.
- A more personal thing that I enjoy is the clothing style. One of the main traditional clothing pieces is a kimono. They're a one piece, that flows down to the ankles, has large sleeves, and traditionally made of silk.
- One thing I greatly love is anime. Anime watchers are found everywhere around the world, but it all comes from one place, Japan. Anime is simply Japanese cartoons, so they can range from happy kid shows such as Pokémon, to intense and brutal detective shows, such as Danganronpa.
- I also enjoy the music, like the cultural piece, Moon over the Ruined Castle, that I played earlier. Traditional Japanese music is often calming and soothing



How does Fishers Junior High benefit from having families from this country as a part of our school and community?



- *With having diverse families coming from different countries and cultures, it provides a learning experience for everyone. For Japan in specific, I know many people including myself who enjoy Japan's culture. Without Japanese culture in our community, wouldn't have a number of things such as ramen, nintendo, playstation, anime, emojis, etc. Having families from Japan gives all of us a chance to learn, appreciate, and experience their beautiful and amazing culture.*

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