



# Japan

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# Where is your country?

- In the North Pacific Ocean you can find the island country Japan, it is across from China, Russia, and Korea it is also off the east coast of mainland Asia.
- If you visit Japan I hope you planned on being on a island, because Japan consists of 4 major islands and around 4,000 smaller islands.
- A good thing to know about Japan if you visit is that Japan has more than its fair share of earthquakes. Every year Japan gets hit with more than 1,000 earthquakes.
- Japan also has 60 active volcanos and 200 volcanos in all, which is less than the U.S.A which has about 169 active volcanoes .
- Tsunamis are another thing to watch out for in Japan, they do not happen often but since some of Japan's islands are so small big waves can ever be worry some. The last big tsunami was on March 11 2011. It struck Honshu. It was given the name The Great East Japan Earthquake since it struck off the northeast coast.



# What are some interesting facts about its history?

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One interesting fact about Japan is in 2011 on March 11 a earthquake was recorded as one of the most powerful earthquakes ever recorded. This earthquake almost killed 20,000 people. This earthquake also caused the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster which was very serious.

In Okinawa's Yamashita Cave there was evidence found of human habitation which dated back to 32000 years ago.

The first emperor of Japan according to legend was Jimmu. In Japan's earliest texts of history and myth his story is told. The two texts that include him are from 600 and 700 A.D..

Zipangu is what the name Japan came from, the name was given by Marco Polo. Marco Polo had heard of the islands when he traveled through China

Japan was not like other countries in the 1500's and 1600's, they decided to not trade with the other countries. The rulers of Japan decided to do this so they would not have outside influences.

# What are some interesting facts about its culture?



- The culture of Japan is a mix from the East and West like how many woman wear Western-style clothing and Japan favors wrestling, sumo, and baseball
- Raman is one of the common foods in Japan, it is a tradition Japanese dish of noodles in broth. Added toppings like meat and spices are common. Raman is eaten with chopsticks or deep spoon, by slurping.
- China is one of Japan's early neighbors so they influenced Japan greatly. Government, Chinese art, religion, language, and technology were all things that Japan used in the late 400's to the early 800's.
- In the 1870's Japanese government wanted to catch up with the rest of the world, so they tried really hard to modernize their country. Thing were imported from Western countries like manufacturing methods and new ideas. Then Japan was a industrial and military power by the early 1900's.
- Some of the oldest Japanese art comes from the first settlers in Japan they were named after the markings on the surfaces of their clay vessels. That is why they were named the Jōmon people.

# What do you like best about this country?

There is a lot to like about this giant island of a country but here are the best

1. One thing I like about Japan is that it has two very different things. It has a big city with lots of vibrant, and bright colors. It also has places calming places with mountains and wilderness as shown to the left.
2. Something I also like is all of the flowers and mountains. I very much enjoy hiking so this feels like a dream. All of the flowers around the mountain create a beautiful setting.
3. I also like all of the different types of meats with the noodles. Noodles are a very common thing in Japan most Japanese in Japan eat noodles every day.
4. Another thing about Japan that is amazing is that 70% of Japan is mountainous. That means about 264484 square kilometers is mountainous.
5. Japan also has nature everywhere even in big cities. If you want to find nature you are never far. There are so many things of nature to go to in Japan. Even if nature is not your thing there are so many adventures just in the city.



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

- Fisher Junior High benefits from having families from Japan and other countries, because the families can teach us more about their country and the little details better than an article can. A student who grew up or their families grew up in another country would be able to teach us things like what foods they think are the best, what sports teams they watch and what tv shows they have in their former country. Also students can make new friends with people that come from different backgrounds. They can also teach us what it was like to leave their country behind and have a fresh start. This makes Fishers Junior get to know things they can't learn from a textbook about tons of different countries around the world.



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