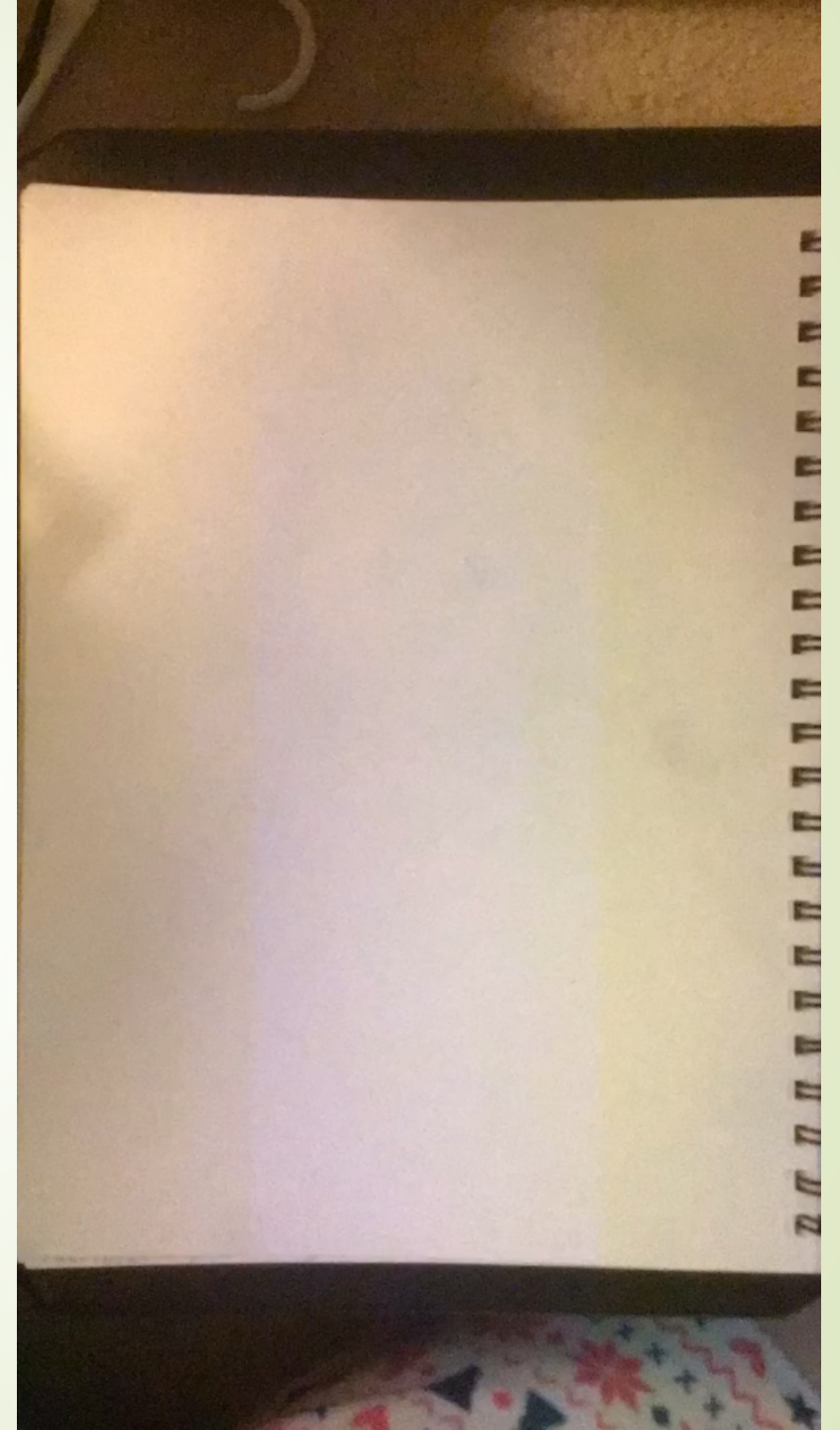


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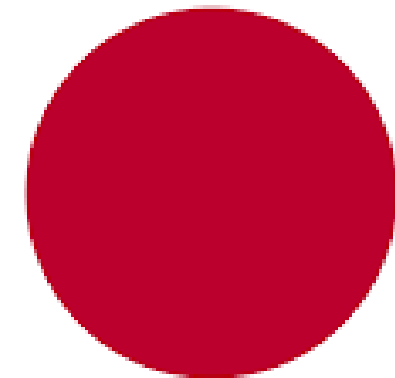
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# Where is your country?

- ▶ Japan is found in the North Pacific Ocean.
- ▶ There are about 6,900 islands that make up Japan including Honshu, Shikoku, Kyushu, Hokkaido.
- ▶ Japan is mostly uneven ground such as hills and mountains.
- ▶ Japan is found east of China and south of Russia.
- ▶ Japan is curved and is about 1,900 kilometers long.



# What are some interesting facts about its history?

- In 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. The US then joined World War II.
- World War II ended when the Japanese surrendered.
- Japan's name could have come from a name Marco Polo gave to the county in the 1200's.
- The government is a monarchy, therefore they have an emperor.
- Japan constitution has been in effect since 1947. One right that the Japanese have is that anyone 18 and older can vote.
- In 2011 there was a horrible earthquake and tsunami on Japan's biggest island that killed about 15,900 people.



# What are some interesting facts about its culture?

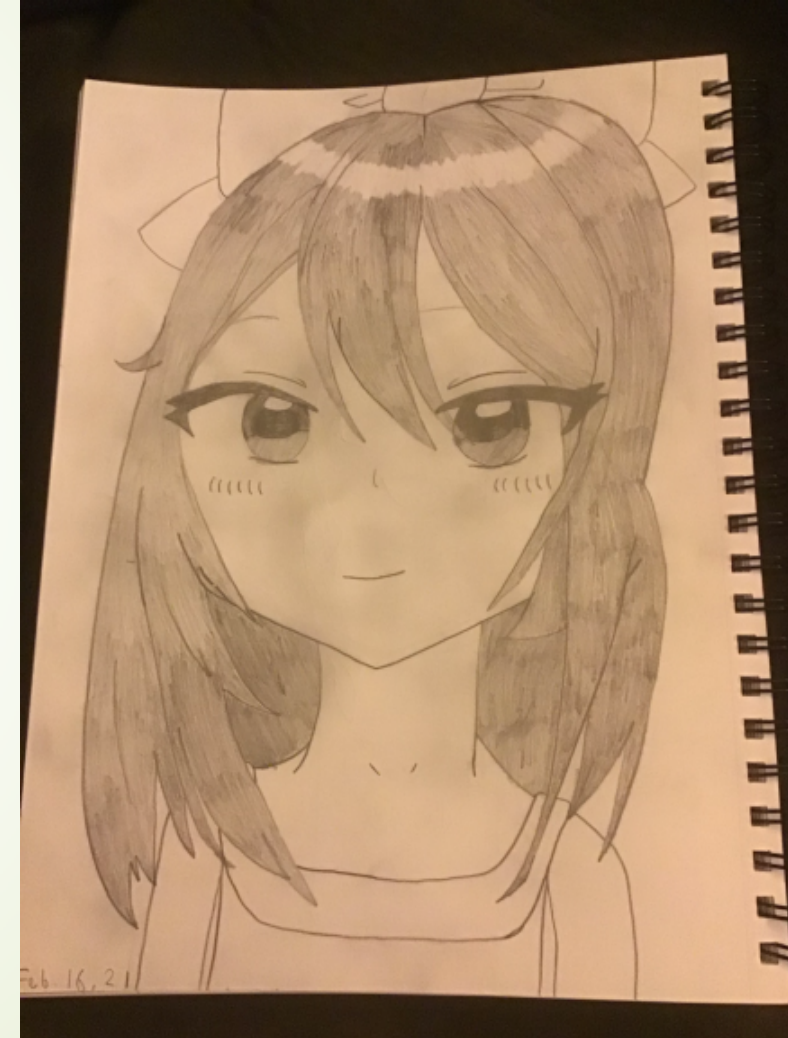
- ▶ Two major sports in Japan are baseball and sumo wrestling.
- ▶ Most women wear a special dress called a kimono for a special event such as New Years.
- ▶ One important part of their culture is manga comics. Manga is a Japanese style of comic book that was most popular in their country in the mid- 1900's.
- ▶ Japanese is the language most used in Japan. Each symbol stands for a word.
- ▶ As for religion, many Japanese don't really practice a religion but the two most common religions are Shinto and Buddhism.



▶ Me wearing a kimono!

# What do you like best about this country?

- ▶ One thing I love is that this is where Anime and Manga were created. I love reading, watching, and drawing Manga and Anime!
- ▶ Another thing I love is how beautiful Japan. The cities are pretty but the mountains are beautiful.
- ▶ One cool fact is that the red circle on their flag is supposed to be the sun since in Japanese the word "Japan" is "Nippon" which means "source of sun".
- ▶ One thing that is good to hear is that in Japan men and women have equal rights and anyone can vote after a certain age.
- ▶ I love anything that has to do with art and art is a big part of Japanese history and culture. Theater, Music, and Painting and just a few Japanese art forms.



- ▶ One of my Anime/ Manga drawings!



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

- ▶ If there was no diversity in our schools then we couldn't learn as much. Why would we learn different languages and religions if every single student was from the USA? By having Japanese families in our community, we can learn a lot about the world. For instance I know our school doesn't do this but many schools teach Japanese. Have you ever read a comic book that is meant to be read backwards? Those comic books are probably Mangas which are a Japanese form of comic book. If we didn't have Japanese families living in the US then you probably wouldn't find a Manga in a local bookstore. Also did you know that in 2011 Japan had a huge earthquake and tsunami that killed tons of people. If you knew about this you probably heard it from either someone from Japan or the news long ago. News stations probably wouldn't have cared about Japans problems as much if there weren't Japanese families living here. If everyone in the US were all from the US then we would probably not know much about the world.



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