

JAPAN – AN ONLINE CULTURAL EXPLORATION

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Directions: Go to Edmodo and use the websites listed there to find these answers.

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Site 1: KidsWeb Japan

Virtual Culture – *Japanese Lunch Boxes (About/History)* <http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/virtual/index.html>

1. What is the term for a boxed lunch in Japan? _____
2. Half of the lunch consists of _____
3. The earliest record of them goes back to the _____ century and were used by _____ because they _____

Yabusame & Kyudo – **What is Yabusame?** <http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/virtual/yabusame/yabusame01.html>

1. In 1187 Yabusame started as a _____ ritual where a rider on _____ shot _____ arrows at cedar targets in less than _____ seconds. The ceremony was a way to pray for _____ and successfully shot arrows were kept as _____ charms.

Japanese Archery (Kyudo) <http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/virtual/yabusame/yabusame03.html>

1. The bow and arrow had its original purposes for _____ and _____, but the arrival of the gun changed that and it was used more for ceremonies and as a show of upper class.
2. One contest had warriors shooting arrows all day and night, the best archer shot _____ arrows and _____ were successful.
 - *If you assume he shot for 24 hours, how many shots on average did he take per hour? _____
 - *What was his accuracy rate (% success?) _____

SHOW WORK:

Bonsai – **What are bonsai?** <http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/virtual/bonsai/bonsai01.html>

1. Bonsai are trees or plants grown in _____. They are an art form and show the respect the Japanese have for _____ things.
 2. The earliest mention of a bonsai was in a picture _____ dated from 1309, _____ years ago.
 3. Why is growing bonsai called an “art without an end?” _____
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Origami Overview – History <http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/virtual/origami/origami01.html>

1. Papermaking came to Japan from China in the early _____ century. Although first used for keeping _____ and for _____ writings, later paper was used to wrap things – people folded paper a certain way to make it more _____.

Explore Japan – Language <http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/explore/language/index.html>

1. _____ types of characters are used to write Japanese. The Japanese characters originated in _____ and were called _____. They represented pictures.
2. There are about _____ in use (although one big dictionary has about 50,000.)
3. There are two other scripts that are used to represent _____ so that more modern and foreign names can be spelled.

Who Wrote the First Novel? (link at Q&A at bottom of page) <http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/explore/language/q1.html>

1. The _____ was the first full length novel and it was written by a woman, _____. Until her novel, Japanese literature had been similar to _____ literature. Her novel had _____ chapters and was written in the Japanese script _____. It is about Hiraku Genji and his life in the imperial court.

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

1. When did the Mongols attack Japan a second time? _____
2. When did Japan become completely closed to the world? _____
3. What was constructed in Japan at the same time Muhammad founded Islam? _____

Site 2: Himeji Castle <http://www.himeji-castle.gr.jp/index/English/>

1. How long would it take to travel to Himeji castle by bullet train (from Tokyo)? _____
2. Why is Himeji Castle called “White Heron Castle?” _____
3. Why would someone want to build a castle on a hill? _____
4. How did Himeji’s designers make it difficult to attack? _____

Site 3: Japanese Gardens <http://www.aboutjapanesegardens.org/>

1. What are the five elements of Japanese gardens? 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
4. _____ 5. _____
2. Japanese gardens show the religious beliefs of _____ & _____.
3. Japanese gardens are designed in _____ scale, showing famous places in a smaller setting.