Japan Facts to Know

- Japan is an island nation, made up of four large islands and over 3,000 very small islands. The large islands are:
 - Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu
- Japan is part of the continent of Asia. Mainland Asia and the Sea of Japan are on the west side and the Pacific Ocean is on the east side.
- Mount Fuji is the tallest mountain in Japan and is a dormant volcano.
- Tokyo is the capital of Japan and is Japan's largest city. Japan's large cities are areas of world-wide industry and business.
- Origami is an ancient Japanese craft of folding paper to look like birds and many other shapes.
- Kimonos are the traditional robes that Japanese men and women wore in the past. Now they are worn for holidays and special occasions.
- Japan is often called "Land of the Rising Sun".

Vocabulary

dormant volcano: a volcano that has not erupted for a long time

haiku: a traditional form of Japanese poetry

kimono: a long, narrow robe with wide sleeves, worn as an outer garment

origami: the Japanese traditional art of folding paper into figures

