

Second Grade “Modern Civilizations and Culture: Japan” Assessment

1a. Which continent is the largest and has the most people?

- a. Asia
- b. North America

1b. Which continent is the largest and has the most people?

1c. What does it mean when we say that Asia is the most populous continent?

2a. The country outlined on the map below is:

- a. Japan
- b. Africa



2b. Label Japan on the map below.



2c. What continent is Japan located on? Label Japan on the map.



- 3a. Why is Japan called “The Land of the Rising Sun?”
- a. It is in the east and the sun rises in the east.
 - b. The sun rises from behind a Japanese mountain.

3b. How does Japan's location relate to its nickname, "The Land of the Rising Sun?"

3c. Why is Japan called "The Land of the Rising Sun?"

4a. Japan is a country made up of what landform?

4b. Japan is a country of islands. How many main islands make up Japan?

4c. How many main islands make up Japan? Those islands of Japan are really the tops of what other landform?

5a. On the map, which letter represents the Pacific Ocean: A or B? _____



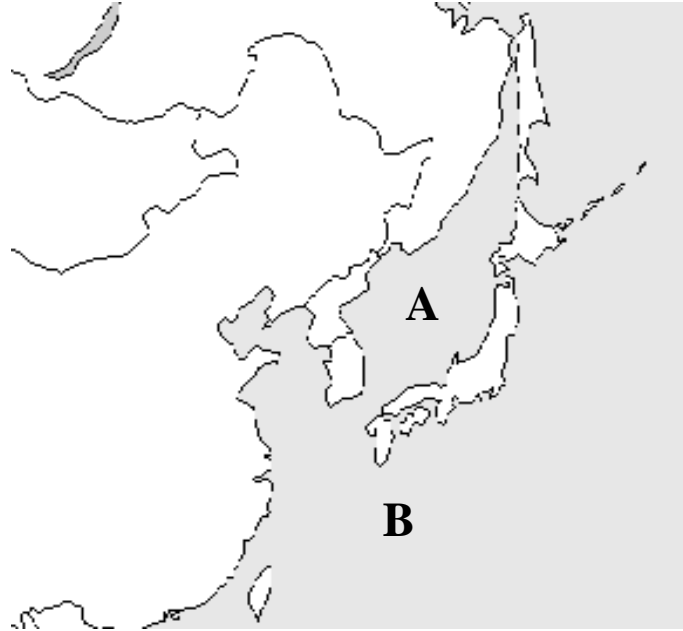
5b. Label the Pacific Ocean on the map.



5c. Label the Pacific Ocean on the map. What natural disaster has harmed Japan at times because of its nearness to the Pacific Ocean?



6a. On the map, which letter represents the Sea of Japan: A or B? _____



6b. Label the Sea of Japan on the map.



6c. Label the Sea of Japan on the map. Because such a small sea separates Japan from China, name one cultural link the Japanese and Chinese people share.



7a. What is the tallest mountain in Japan?

7b. What is the tallest mountain in Japan? Label it on the map.



- 7c. Label Mt. Fuji on the map below. Then answer the following question: Why is Mt. Fuji often pictured in Japanese paintings and postcards?



- 8a. What is the capital of Japan?

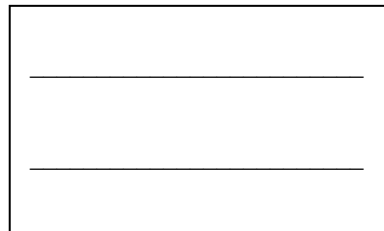
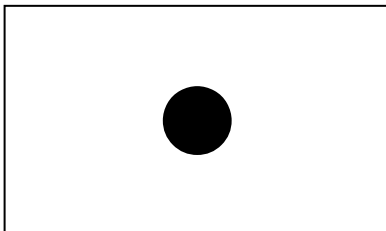
- 8b. What is the capital of Japan? Label it on the map below.



8c. Label the capital of Japan on the map below. Then answer the following question: Why would a country build their capital city along the ocean's coast?



9a. Circle the picture of the Japanese flag.



9b. Describe the Japanese flag.

9c. Draw a picture of the Japanese flag. How does Japan's flag represent its nickname, "The Land of the Rising Sun?"

10a. Why are there so many big cities and tall buildings in Japan?

- a. The Japanese believe tall buildings are beautiful.
- b. Japan is very small, so it is very crowded.

- 10b. Why are there so many big cities and tall buildings in Japan?
- a. The Japanese like to build taller buildings to show their power.
 - b. The Japanese believe tall buildings are beautiful.
 - c. The Japanese are short, so they like tall buildings.
 - d. Japan is very small, so tall buildings are built to make the most of the space.

10c. Why are there so many big cities and tall buildings in Japan?

- 11a. Which of the following describes Japan's modern cities?
- a. Quiet collections of parks
 - b. Busy centers of industry

- 11b. Which of the following describes Japan's modern cities?
- a. Quiet collections of parks
 - b. Busy centers of industry
 - c. Small markets for farmers
 - d. Cultural centers for traditional crafts

11c. Describe what life is like in Japan's modern cities.

12a. One of Japan's traditional crafts is origami or _____ folding.

12b. One of Japan's traditional crafts is _____ or paper folding.

12c. Describe how origami, one of Japan's traditional crafts, is created.

13a. Japanese people have a traditional outfit called a _____ that is worn for special occasions even today.

- a. kimono
- b. hula skirt

13b. What is the name of the traditional outfit worn by Japanese for special occasions?

13c. What is the name of the traditional outfit worn by Japanese for special occasions?
Describe how the Japanese use it.

The following Colorado Model Content Standards are covered in this assessment by the questions indicated.

Question 6c: History Standard 3.1. Students know how various societies were affected by contacts and exchanges among diverse peoples.

Questions 10a, 10b, 10c, 11a, 11b, 11c: History Standard 4.1. Students understand the impact of scientific and technological developments on individuals and societies.

Questions 1a, 1b, 1c, 2a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b, 3c, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6s, 6b, 6c: Geography Standard 1.1. Students know how to use maps, globes, and other geographic tools to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective.

Questions 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6a, 6b, 6c: Geography Standard 1.2. Students develop knowledge of Earth to locate people, places, and environments.

Question 5c: Geography Standard 3.1. Students know the physical processes that shape Earth's surface patterns.

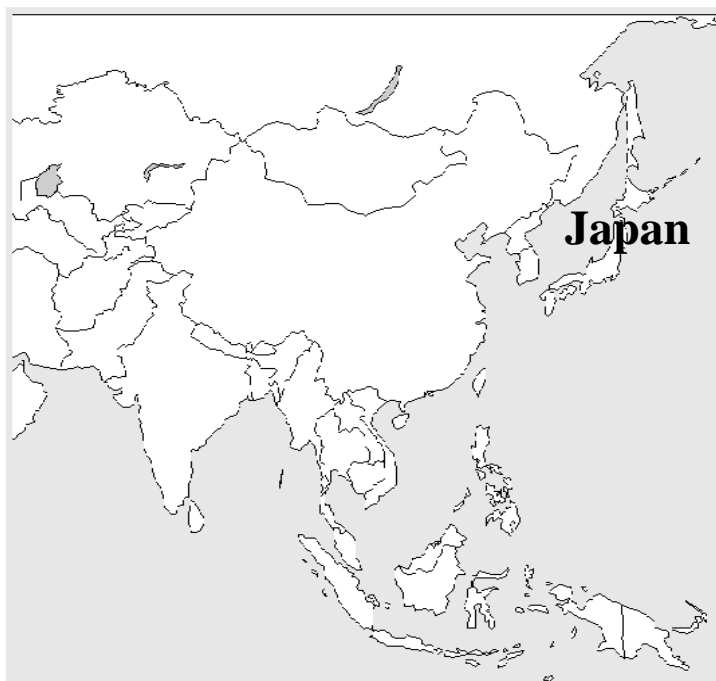
Questions 10a, 10b, 10c, 11a, 11b, 11c: Geography Standard 4.2. Students know the nature and spatial distribution of cultural patterns.

Questions 8c, 10a, 10b, 10c, 11a, 11b, 11c: Geography Standard 4.4. Students know the processes, patterns, and functions of human settlement.

Answer Key

- 1a. a. Asia
1b. Asia
1c. Acceptable answers could include:
-Asia has the most people
-more people live in Asia than in any other continent

- 2a. a. Japan
2b. See map below for answer.



- 2c. Asia
See map in 2b for answer.
- 3a. a. It is in the east and the sun rises in the east.
3b. Acceptable answers could include:
-Japan is called “The Land of the Rising Sun” because Japan is in the east and the sun rises in the east.
3c. Acceptable answers could include:
-Japan is in the east and the sun rises in the east.
- 4a. Islands
4b. Four
4c. The four main islands are the tops of volcanoes.
- 5a. B

5b. See map below for correct labeling.



5c. See map in 5b for correct labeling. In the second part, acceptable answers could include:
-hurricanes or tsunamis.

6a. A

6b. See map below for correct labeling.



6c. See map in 6b for correct labeling. In the second part, acceptable answers could include:
-written characters, clothing styles, chopsticks

7a. Mt. Fuji

7b. See map below for correct labeling.



7c. See map in 7b for correct labeling. In the second part, acceptable answers could include:
-it is the tallest mountain in Japan
-it is a symbol for the Japanese
-it is one of Japan's beautiful features

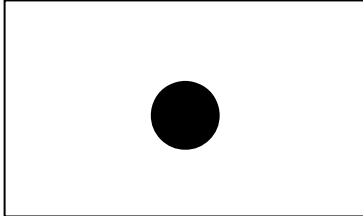
8a. Tokyo

8b. See map below for correct labeling.



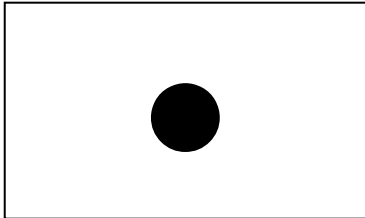
- 8c. See map in 8b correct labeling. In the second part, acceptable answers could include:
-it is easier to trade goods near the ocean
-the ocean is a source of food
-the coast allows the Japanese to travel by ship freely

- 9a. The following flag should be circled:



- 9b. Acceptable answers could include:
-It is white with a red circle in the center.
-This circle represents the sun.

- 9c. Acceptable answers could include:



-The red circle in the center of the flag is meant to represent the rising sun.

- 10a. b. Japan is very small, so it is very crowded.
10b. d. Japan is very small, so tall buildings are built to make the most of the space.
10c. Acceptable answers could include:
-Japan is very small so tall building make good use of the space
-there is not enough land in Japan for people to live and work in buildings that are low.

- 11a. b. Busy centers of industry
11b. b. Busy centers of industry
11c. Acceptable answers could include:
-Japan's big cities have many modern buildings and a lot of industry.
-There are many people walking along the streets.

- 12a. paper
12b. origami
12c. Acceptable answers could include:
-Origami involves folding paper into many different shapes.
-Paper can be folded into different animals, plants, and other shapes.

- 13a. a. kimono
13b. kimono

13c. Acceptable answers could include:

-kimono

-A kimono is a beautiful robe, often made of silk that is tied at the waist with a wide sash/bow.