

Japan Question 1

Label the Sea of Japan, the East China Sea, and the Pacific Ocean.

In what two ways might the seas have influenced Japan’s history?

Japan Question 2

Label Kyushu, Shikoku, Honshu, and Hokkaido.

Which of these islands do you think became the center of power in Japan? Why?

Japan Question 3

Label the Chugoku Mountains, the Japanese Alps, and the Hidaka Mountains.

What effect do you think these mountains had on Japan’s efforts to become a united country?

Japan Question 4

Which percent—90%, 60%, or 15%—do you think best expresses the amount of land Japan can use for agriculture?

How might the amount of agricultural land in Japan affect what is grown or raised there?

Japan Question 5

Label Nara and Kyoto.

Nara and Kyoto were two ancient capitals. Why do you think they were good locations for a capital?

Japan Question 6

Use four colors to show on your map the number of people per square mile that live in Japan. Fill in the key to explain the meaning of your colors.

Where do most people live in Japan?

Japan Question 7

Label the Kanto Plain.

Why do you think the Kanto Plain is the most populated area in Japan?

Japan Question 8

Look at the map on page 423 of your book. List two of Japan’s neighbors.

How do you think these neighbors might have affected Japan’s history?