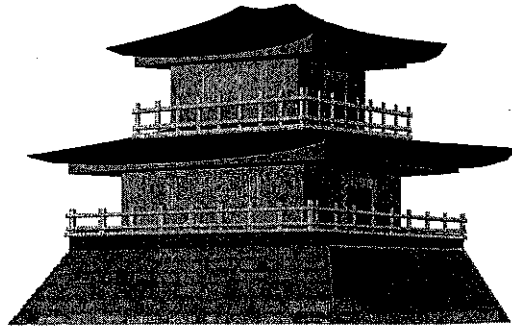


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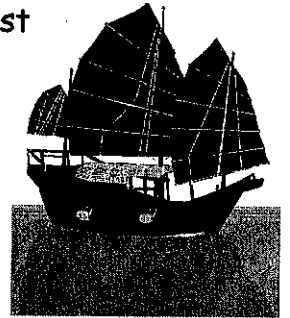
- Go to your public, school, and classroom libraries and check your home for any books about Japan. Collect all the different materials you can on this topic and bring them to school. Read and research all you can on Ancient Japan. Keep a bibliography on all the books you read and record them on your "Ancient Japan" chart.
- Make a world map with Japan clearly marked. Draw in the routes different explorers took to travel to what was then known as "The Orient."
- Read *The Thousand Paper Cranes*. Learn how to make an origami crane. Try making it with different kinds of paper. Make a mobile of all your cranes. Try to involve friends and family in creating cranes and see if you really can make 1,000 cranes.
- Make a Japanese meal for the class. You may want to interview someone at a Japanese restaurant to learn more about everyday and special occasion foods. Pay special attention to the "presentation" of the food.
- Make a chart showing all the different emperors of Japan and the time period in which they ruled. Include specific information about each emperor such as how old they were when they ruled, special things they did, etc.
- Make a poster showing some of the different Japanese characters (a character is the equivalent of our letters). Write your name using Japanese characters.
- Make a model bonsai garden. Many famous gardens in Japan surround temples. Decide if you will include a temple in your garden.

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Investigate different Japanese games. Make a model of your favorite game.
Teach your class how to play the game.

Imagine you have traveled with European explorers on their quest to discover the Orient. Write a story about your experiences and adventures. This can be written as a personal journal being read by another person. Be sure to include your personal background, your journey to Japan, what you saw and did. Include your observations of the cultural differences between Japan and the European country you are representing.



Contact a pen pal organization to arrange for a Japanese pen pal. Write to your pen pal and share information about your life. Ask your pen pal about their life in Japan. Consider keeping a scrapbook of the letters and pictures you exchange with your pen pal.

