

Japan Topic work Ideas

何を選びますか – What will you choose to do?



Make a carp windsock.

Koinobori, or carp windsock, decorate the landscape of Japan on Children's Day on May 5th.

In Japanese culture, the carp symbolizes courage and strength.



Draw a self-portrait in the style of Manga

Manga are Japanese anime comics that are read from right to left, instead of left to right. The unique and bold characters is a modern twist on traditional Japanese works of art. Pokémon Anime is not too dissimilar to Manga, being animated instead of drawn.



Research this art form and create your own piece of art in this style

Sumi-e is an ancient form of Japanese painting involving a bamboo brush, ink, and rice paper.

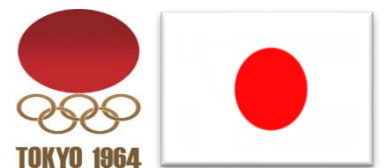
Be imaginative in the resources you use. For example, if you don't have a paint brush maybe use a cotton ear bud. If you don't have coloured paper, look in your recycling bin for old magazines, newspapers and cereal boxes!

Produce a Fact File about Japan

Think outside the box! What are your favourite interests? Maybe you love going to school! Is this any different in Japan? Try and include a

fact about Japan that nobody else might have thought of. Remember to make your Fact File stand out.

Think about using pictures, maps



and photos.



Produce a traditional Japanese menu

The Japanese diet consists mainly of rice, fish, soy products and vegetables. Many dishes contain these ingredients. Soups as well as sushi (which contains raw fish such as salmon or tuna) are very popular.

Think carefully about how you present your menu. It should be worthy of being used in a real Japanese restaurant!

Design your own symbol in a traditional Japanese style

Symbolism is a large component in all Japanese culture. Symbols are also used to represent the alphabet and Japanese language.



Design a travel brochure to encourage people to go to Japan, aimed at children aged 10 to 15 years old.

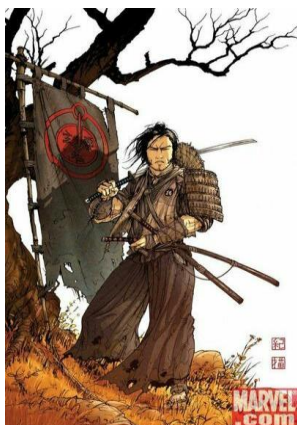
Include things to do and Japan's popular attractions (think about what you would like to do). Maybe incorporate previous travellers'



recommendations.

Remember that you are trying to persuade people to visit Japan, so use persuasive language (repetition, rhetorical questions, emotive language and imagery). Also include

pictures, either drawn or from the internet.



Create your own Japanese comic strip

Dive deep into the lives of a Japanese Samurai and create a comic strip about their role in Japanese culture. There is more to a Samurai than fighting; make sure to do your research before you start. Include detailed pictures and some text (in English or you could try some Japanese!)