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Japan: Land of the Rising Sun

1. What is an archipelago? What does this have to do with Japan?

2. What are the names of the four large islands of Japan? Put a \*star\* next to the island that is home to 80% of Japan’s population?

3. What exactly are the islands of Japan composed/made of? How did they form?

4. Define the **Ring of Fire**. What natural disasters does Japan have to be wary of due to its location on the Ring of Fire?

5. Fill in the table below to describe Japan’s climate in its different regions:

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| **Region** | **Climate** | **Like which U.S. state?** |
| Hokkaido (North) |  |  |
| Northern Honshu |  |  |
| Southern Honshu |  |  |
| Kyushu & Shikoku |  |  |

6. What is a monsoon and how does it affect Japan’s seasons?

7. How do the different ocean currents benefit Japan?

8. “Although Japan’s entire area is about the size of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it has nearly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that state’s population. Japan’s population is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

9. How has Japan solved problems with pollution and waste disposal caused by their large population and limited land?

10. Define **homogenous**. Why is Japan considered a particularly homogenous nation?

11. Japan’s earliest people followed the Shinto religion. What do Shintoists believe?

12. What are two other major religions in Japan? How do these religions influence life in Japan?

13. What parts of Western culture have the Japanese adopted?

14. What parts of Japanese culture have Westerners adopted?