



World Studies for Georgia Students-Grade 7

Chapter 15: Japan – Section 1: The Geography of Japan

Guided Notes

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. The island nation of _____ is located on the eastern edge of Asia.
2. Japan is an _____, or series of islands.
3. _____ is the largest island and the location of major cities like Tokyo, Osaka, and Kobe.
4. Almost 80 percent of the country of Japan is covered with _____.
5. Because Japan has so little _____, the Japanese people depend on fishing for much of their food.
6. Japan is located on the _____, which is an area around the Pacific Ocean where there are frequent volcanic eruptions due to plate tectonic movements.
7. In March 2011, Japan's strongest-ever _____, and an accompanying tsunami (a long high sea wave caused by an earthquake), destroyed the northeast part of _____ island, killed thousands, and damaged several nuclear power plants.
8. Most of Japan is in the _____ climate zone between the Arctic Circle and the Tropic of Cancer.
9. Japan has few _____ resources. In fact, the only ones it has are a few deposits of _____.
10. _____ is a major concern in Japan.
11. Japan's large population consumes a massive amount of _____. This has led to _____ of Japan's waters.

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12. Most people in Japan live along the _____.
13. Over 93 percent of the Japanese people live in _____ areas, or cities.
14. The main language spoken in Japan is _____.
15. Almost 80 percent of the people practice _____, a religion that began in Japan hundreds of years ago.
16. One unique thing about the population of Japan is that it is _____.