



Japan

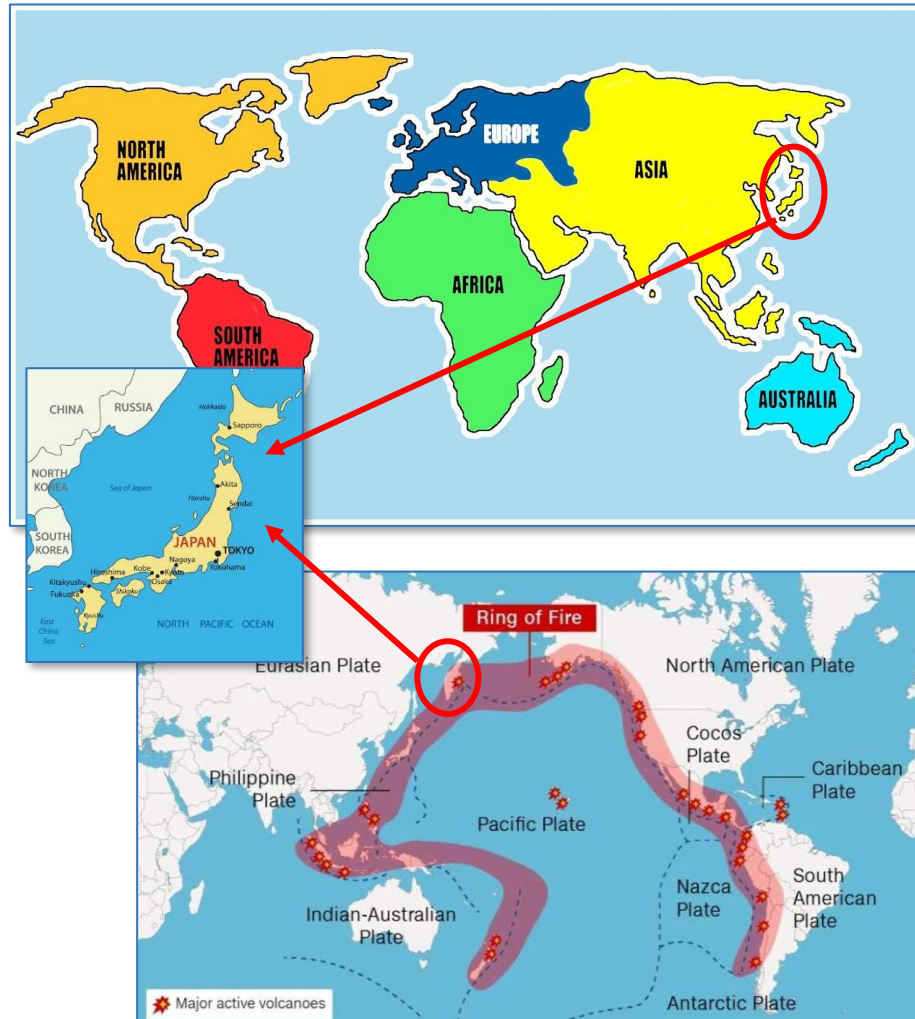
Enquiry Question: How have natural and manmade disasters impacted Japan's physical and human geography?

Key Facts:

- Japan is an **archipelagic** country located in East Asia.
- Japan is made up of five main islands (**Hokkaido**, **Honshu - the mainland** - **Shikoku**, **Kyushu**, and **Okinawa**) and thousands of smaller ones.
- British Isles (UK)- like Japan is a **cluster of islands**.
- The British Isles consist mainly of flat or **lowlands** that phase NW into more hilly country. Due to this **topography**, humans have been able to settle throughout.
- Japan is about 20% lowland.
- Japan has over **125 million inhabitants** and is densely populated into the available lowlands.
- Japan's terrain is mostly **rugged and mountainous** (73%).
- Japan's highest mountain is **Mount Fuji** - 3,776 m (12,388 ft).
- Japan is located in the north-western **Ring of Fire** on multiple **tectonic plates**
- Japan is prone to **earthquakes**, **tsunami** and **volcanoes** because of its location along the Pacific Ring of Fire.
- As many as 1,500 earthquakes are recorded yearly.
- Japan's physical geography impacts where people live, land use, farming, the development of its society and culture.
- Japan has also suffered a number of **man-made disasters**, e.g., **Fukushima** (a nuclear plant) **nuclear** disaster, **Hiroshima** and **Nagasaki** (atomic bombings in WW2) that have impacted both the physical and human geography

Key Vocabulary and Glossary:

Human Geography	Human geography is about how people move and live, e.g., buildings, roads, cities, structures.
Physical Geography	Physical geography is the study of Earth's natural features, e.g., oceans, forests, deserts, rivers, etc.
Archipelago	An archipelago is an area that contains a group of islands.
Tectonic Plates	Gigantic pieces of the Earth's crust broken up into large plates across the Earth.
Ring of Fire	A chain of volcanoes that surrounds the Pacific Ocean.
Tsunami	A large wave caused by movements of the Earth's outer layer.
Nuclear Power	A very powerful type of energy that can be used to create electricity for households or build bombs.



Key Questions:

- What is the Ring of Fire?
- How do earthquakes and volcanic eruptions take place?
- How has living with earthquakes and volcanic eruptions affected people's lives?
- Are there any benefits to living near a volcano?
- Which have had a worse effect on the natural environment, natural or man-made disasters?

Autumn 2 – Year 6 – Japan - Homework

CLASSES 6MM and 6CS

Homework to be completed and returned by
Tuesday 14th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, we are going to be learning about Japan. We will be learning about what life is like in this part of the world, a place full of tradition but with a very modern outlook on life. The children will learn about its physical and human geography, developing their place and locational knowledge.

Homework Tasks

WRITING AND TOPIC

You have a scrap book to use to complete your homework project. Over the next six weeks complete some of these activities or make some up of your own.

TASKS

1. Write a set of instructions for making a Japanese dish.
2. Create a Japanese comic strip.
3. Write a Japanese fact file.

NOW CHOOSE SOME OR ALL OF THESE

1. Create a Japanese hanging lantern.
2. Paint a cherry blossom tree.
3. Design a kimono.
4. Create a Japanese fish wind sock.

Remember, great homework will lead to lots of extra **gems** for your house!

Japan learning links:

BBC Teach

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/geography-ks1-ks2-your-world-tokyo-london/zv9pbdm> - Two children's lives in bustling capitals London and Tokyo

BBC Bitesize – explore Asia - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zyhp34j/articles/zmy7m39>

https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_tw/o/ks2_geography/tokyo_and_japan/tokyo.html

BBC Bitesize – what are latitude and longitude. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvsfr82/articles/zxdpn9q>

National Geographic Kids – Japan -

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/facts-about-japan/>

3D Geography – Geography of Japan -

<https://www.3dgeography.co.uk/geography-of-japan>

Places to Visit:

The V&A –

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/>

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/exhibitions/japan-myths-to-manga>

British Museum

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/>


<https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/galleries/japan>
<https://www.britishmuseum.org/exhibitions/hokusai-great-picture-book-everything/timeline-japanese-artist-katsushika-hokusai>

Reading

Remember to read each day and get an adult to sign your reading record. Don't forget to collect your rewards for reading!



Spelling

Don't forget spelling rules for your Spelling words  will go home with you Friday for your collaborative test the following week!

Maths

Remember to revise your **time tables**.

Practice the **number facts** you are working on each week. You will be tested on these!

And please don't forget to log onto [Times Table Rock Stars](#)



Recommended Reads:

