



Japan

Digital Resources and Children's Books

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Kid Friendly YouTube Clips:

The Paper Crane – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfnyopxdJXQ>

Japan Koto Music - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrPV9nvJ6Fk>

Sensational Young Taiko Drummers - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CsKqBy2uJ34>

Japanese Garden Tour - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3V6D4lv-Uyl>

The Making of a Traditional Daruma Doll -
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OpO7vMkYpMA>

Watch a Kokeshi Doll Emerge from a Spinning Block of Wood -
<http://www.thisiscoossal.com/2014/10/watch-a-japanese-kokeshi-doll-emerge-from-a-spinning-block-of-wood/>

Kendama Ball and Cup Game - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xscIJAotXPg>

New Year Game of Japan – Hagoita - https://www.hisgo.com/us/destination-japan/blog/japanese_new_years_games.html

Obon New Year Festival 2013 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltaTe-X-qrY>

Tea Ceremony Explained - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6_KC3OuZEK

How to Eat Sushi - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=auLmekEsaak>

How to Use Chopsticks - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8mw8SWS5nM>

Websites:

National Geographic Kids – Japan –

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/japan/>

Portland Japanese Garden Virtual Tour - <http://www.vpix.net/index.php?tour=7286>

About Daruma - http://www.welovedaruma.com/en/about_daruma.html

Country Facts: <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/countries/japan.html>

Japan Basic Information with Visuals: <http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/explore/basic/>

Explore Japan-Interactive Visuals and Information: <http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/explore/>

Lesson Plans:

Elementary Lesson Plans - <https://japan.mrdonn.org/>

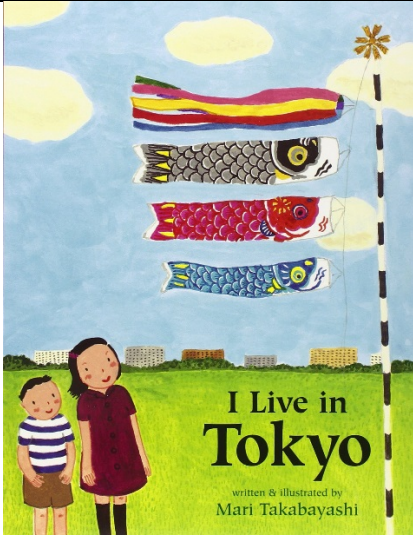
Tea Ceremony: <https://study.com/academy/lesson/japanese-tea-ceremony-lesson-plan.html>

Geography:

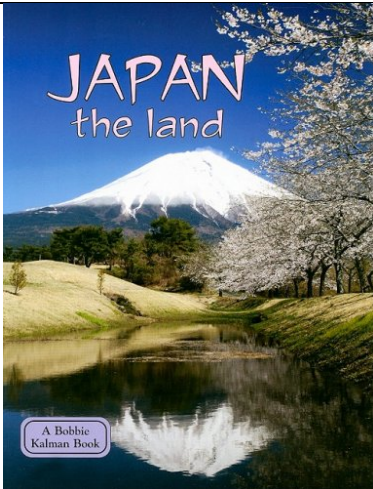
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Children's Books:

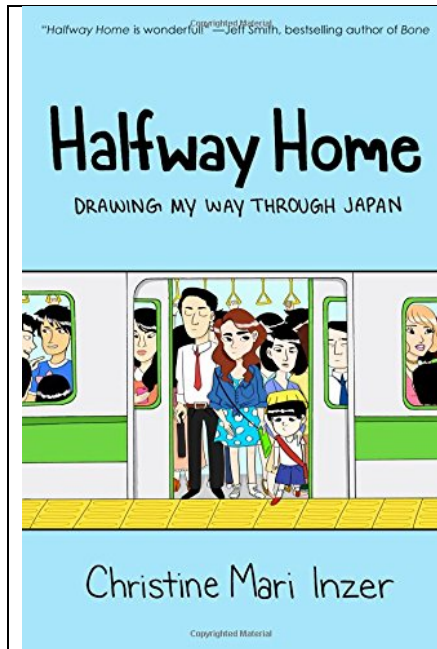
	<p>Title: All About Japan: Stories, Songs, Crafts and More Author: Willamarie Moore Age Range: 5 and up Grade Level: Preschool - 4 Hardcover: 64 pages Publisher: Tuttle Publishing; Hardcover with Jacket edition (March 10, 2011) Language: English ISBN-10: 4805310774 Summary: <i>All About Japan</i> offers a journey to a new place—and ways to bring it to life! Dive into stories, play some games from Japan, learn some Japanese songs.</p>
	<p>Title: The Way We Do It In Japan Author: Geneva Cobb Iijima Age Range: 5 - 9 years Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4 Hardcover: 32 pages Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company (January 1, 2002) Language: English ISBN-10: 0807578223 Summary: Gregory and his family are moving to Japan for his dad's job. Gregory is surprised to find lots of things that are different: but that's the way they do it in Japan.</p>
	<p>Title: Japanese Celebrations: Cherry Blossoms, Lanterns and Stars! Author: Betty Reynolds Grade Level: 2 - 6 Hardcover: 48 pages Publisher: Tuttle Publishing (January 15, 2006) Language: English ISBN-10: Brimming with ancient traditions, exotic decorations, and delicious, seasonal foods, <i>Japanese Celebrations</i> will take you on a month-by-month tour of some of Japan's best-loved festivals.</p>



Title: I Live in Tokyo
Author: Mari Takabayashi
Age Range: 4 - 8 years
Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3
Paperback: 32 pages
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers; Reprint edition (November 6, 2004)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 0618494847
Summary: Have you ever been to Tokyo, Japan? Far away, in the Pacific Ocean, Tokyo is a busy city of color, activity, celebrations, gigantic buildings, and much more. Seven-year-old Mimiko lives in Tokyo, and here you can follow a year's worth of fun, food and festivities in Mimiko's life, month by month. Learn the right way to put on a kimono and see Mimiko's top ten favorite meals—just try not to eat the pages featuring delicious wagashi!



Title: Japan the Land
Author: Bobbie Kalman
Age Range: 9 and up
Grade Level: 4 and up
Lexile Measure: 960L ([What's this?](#))
Series: Lands, Peoples, & Cultures
Paperback: 32 pages
Publisher: Crabtree Publishing Company; Revised edition (October 1, 2008)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 0778796647
Summary: Describes the events and people that have shaped Japan's long history.



Title: Halfway Home: Drawing My Way Through Japan

Author: Christine Mari Inzer

Age Range: 12 and up

Grade Level: 7 and up

Paperback: 102 pages

Publisher: Naruhodo Press; 1 edition (November 7, 2014)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0990701409

Summary: The summer before she turned sixteen, author/illustrator **Christine Inzer** traveled solo to Tokyo to get reacquainted with her birthplace. Through charming illustrations, photos, and musings, Christine takes us on a journey through modern Japan: she explores the fashion hub of Harajuku; she hunts down geisha in Kyoto; she eats the best sushi of her life in Tsukiji; and she meets many interesting characters along the way. *Halfway Home* is an engaging—and often hilarious—look at a fascinating country and a girl rediscovering her roots.