



Japan: Children's Day

Post-visit Activity: Quick Write Assessment

A favorite Japanese pastime is to make up poetry called Haiku. This 17-syllable poem invites students to *describe one simple topic* creatively by following a specific structure:

Line one: 5 syllables

Line two: 7 syllables

Line three: 5 syllables

Student Samples

Sand scatters the beach

Waves crash on the sandy shore

Blue water shimmers

Green and speckled legs,

Hop on logs and lily pads

Splash in cool water

After learning about Children's Day, compose a Haiku poem about a topic you found interesting. Some of the words you might use are as follows:

family

mother

father

boy

girl

healthy

Japanese

flying

city

celebrate

carp/koi

streamers

countryside

5th

August

strength

swim

waterfall

wild

samurai

armor

helmet

sword

bow/arrow

bath

shobu

leaves

sticky rice

bean paste

oak leaves