

# Japan and China (cont.)

**ACT****19 Character Analysis**

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One of Japan's Living National Treasures, Yoshida Minsuke, is a *Bunraku* puppet master. It takes three people to operate a *Bunraku* puppet. Yoshida spent ten years moving only the legs of puppets. Then, he spent fifteen years operating only the left hands. At last, he became a master and now operates the right hand and heads of the puppets. *Bunraku* puppeteers have to cooperate to get the puppets to move just right.



1. Think of four words to describe Yoshida Minsuke's character. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Give an example of something you've done that shows a character trait you have that would be useful if you were a *Bunraku* puppeteer. \_\_\_\_\_  
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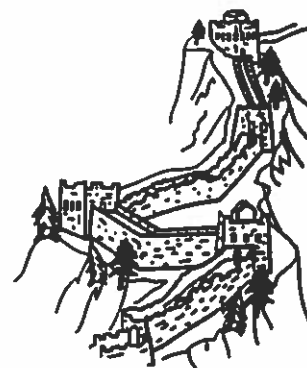
**ACT****20 Details**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Using the information in the following paragraph, answer the questions below.

For fourteen hundred years, from the third century to the beginning of the seventeenth century A.D., the Chinese people worked on building their Great Wall. The Wall stretches all the way across the northern border of the country. It is nearly 4,000 miles long and separates China from modern-day Manchuria and Mongolia. In medieval times, it was named as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The Great Wall of China is said to be the only manmade structure visible from space. This, however, isn't true. For one thing, it's not often visible because of cloud cover in the area. For another, there are other structures that, according to astronauts, are also visible. Nonetheless, it is a thrilling sight that draws many tourists every year.



1. It took \_\_\_\_\_ years to build the Great Wall of China.
2. The Great Wall is nearly \_\_\_\_\_ miles long.
3. The Great Wall stretches across the \_\_\_\_\_ border of China.
4. Today, the Great Wall is mainly useful as a \_\_\_\_\_ attraction.
5. The Great Wall was named one of the \_\_\_\_\_  
of the world.

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### ACTIVITY 21 Drawing Conclusions

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Teizo pulled on the main cord to maneuver his "Sky Dragon" into a better position. The cutting string was covered with small, sharp pieces of glass. It hadn't been easy gluing them to the string, but it had been worth it.

There was only one opponent left, holding tight to the strings of a large, rectangular construction with a grinning demon face painted on it. For fangs, the demon had two small knife blades sticking out of its muzzle. Teizo had watched those blades slice the strings of others, sending days of work crashing into a jumble of bamboo and paper onto the rocky ground.

Teizo gave a quick, skillful tug. Sky Dragon glided in front of the demon face, barely missing the fangs. The cutting string sawed against the demon's strings. With a loud snap, his opponent was left holding a tangle of limp cord as his demon sailed out of view. Teizo was the champion!

What traditional Japanese game was Teizo playing?

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Dragons and Demons
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Kite Fighting
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. Sumo Wrestling



### ACTIVITY 22 Fact and Opinion

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A fact can be proved. An opinion is what you believe or think. Read the sentences below. Put "F" by the facts and "O" by the opinions.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Kites were invented in China 3,000 years ago.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The first kites were made by a general to use as weapons.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I think it's much better to use kites for fun than for war.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Kites loaded with explosives were used to frighten enemy soldiers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Buddhist monks brought kites to Japan.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. My favorite kites are the ones shaped like butterflies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. In Japan, they used to make some kites so big that it took 100 men to hold them.