

Weekly Worksheet #6

Japan and China

ACTIVITY 5**Author's Purpose**

Name: _____

Date: _____

Read the following paragraphs. Decide if the author's purpose is to entertain, inform, or persuade. Then put a plus (+) next to the answer.

1. Many aspects of Japanese pop culture have found their way into other countries. This is because Japan is the source for many of the best computer games that have been developed in the past few years. They also export graphic novels, called *manga*, and animated films, or *anime*, both of which have many devoted fans the world over.



_____ entertain

_____ inform

_____ persuade

2. Rita loved to watch *anime* films. There was something about those funny, big-eyed characters that she found irresistible. Sometimes, she wished that she was an *anime* character, herself. *Kiki*, maybe, with her flying broomstick, or the sisters who rode in the cat bus with *Totoro*, or the girl in *Spirited Away* who had such interesting adventures. She wished she was anyone but quiet little Rita whom nobody ever noticed.

_____ entertain

_____ inform

_____ persuade

ACTIVITY 16**Compare and Contrast**

Name: _____

Date: _____

Read the following, and then fill in the Venn diagram below:

Japan is a series of islands off the east coast of Asia. China is a huge country on the same continent. Culturally, they have many similarities. In China, many people practice Buddhism, Taoism, and Confucianism. In Japan, many people practice Buddhism also, but their type of Buddhism is known as Zen. Many Japanese also follow the Shinto religion. Both China and Japan produce beautiful silk cloth. Both have pictographic writing. In China, there are around a billion people. In Japan, there are only about 150 million people. In terms of people per square mile, though, both their population densities are about the same.



Ways Japan and China Are Alike	Ways Japan and China Are Different	
	Japan	China
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Definition and Synonym Clues

Sometimes defining an unfamiliar word is easy because its definition, or a familiar synonym for the word, is stated directly in the sentence. Commas, dashes, and the words *is*, *are*, *was*, *were*, and *or* are often hints that a definition or synonym is coming up. Look for these words and punctuation marks to help you find definitions and synonyms for unfamiliar words in these sentences. Write a definition for the *italicized* word in each sentence.

DEFINITION

- 1 Artifacts, or objects crafted by humans a long time ago, were found at the digging site.
- 2 Platte River School, our biggest *rival*, is our scariest competitor.
- 3 It is fascinating to study *ancient*, or old, civilizations that no longer exist.
- 4 Practicing *deception*—through lying, cheating, or deceiving—will get you kicked out of this school.
- 5 *Discrimination*, treating people differently based on race, religion, or gender, will not be practiced here.
- 6 Women fought long and hard for *suffrage*, which is the right to vote.
- 7 A *replica*—a well-crafted copy—of a Van Gogh is much less expensive than the original.
- 8 In earlier times, a salesperson was often called a *merchant*.
- 9 I think I can *persuade*, or convince, John to read *The Hatchet*; it's a great book.
- 10 An *assembly* is a gathering of people in one place for a common purpose.
- 11 We enjoy more civil *liberties*—freedoms guaranteed by law—than do citizens of many other countries.
- 12 You will be *obligated*, or committed, to pay back this loan if you take it out.
- 13 The U.S. Army has some strict, or *rigid*, rules.
- 14 The *fracture*, or break, in his bone will require a cast.