Japan Mapping Assignment

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**Part 1: WORLD MAP ASSIGNMENT**

A. Title the map **"Japan in Relation to the World"**  
  
B. Label:  
  
Asia  
Japan  
Sea of Japan  
Pacific Ocean  
China  
Russia  
  
C. Colour Japan red  
  
D. Colour all of the other continents of the world a different colour (other than red).

**Part 2: ASIA MAP ASSIGNMENT**

A. Title the map**"Japan in Relation to Asia".**  
  
B. Label:  
    Sea of Japan             Bangladesh Thailand  
    Pacific Ocean            India Cambodia  
    China                        Nepal Laos    
    Russia                        Pakistan Tokyo  
    South Korea              Afghanistan Vietnam       
    North Korea              South China Sea  
    Mongolia                    Sea of Okhotsk  
                      
                               
C. Colour Japan red.  
  
D. Colour all of the other countries a different colour (other than red).

**Part 3: JAPAN MAP ASSIGNMENT**

A. Title the map**"Japan".**  
  
B. Label:

* 4 main islands – Hokkaido, Honshu, Kyushu, Shikoku
* Major bodies of water - Pacific Ocean, Sea of Japan, East China Sea, Ikhotsk Sea
* Major city centers – Tokyo, Yohohama, Osaka, Hiroshima, Nagasaki

C. Colour each island a different colour.  
  
D. Colour all of the other countries a different colour (other than red).

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**Here is a quick reminder of the rules to good map making.**

1. All labeling of maps must be done in pencil first and then in black ink
2. Do not use arrows. Use a legend if necessary.
3. Lines may be used for very small areas but this is the exception to the rule.
4. Never use abbreviations.
5. Always ensure that there is a title on your map.
6. When using a legend for some maps, the legend must be on the front of the map.
7. Include a compass rose and a scale if asked

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**Part 4: Questions**

**Now that you have completed your maps, complete the following questions on a blank page.**

1. What does it mean to be isolated?  
2. What factors contribute to a nation being isolated?  
3. To what extent are other places in the world are similarly isolated? Explain!  
4. Although Japan was isolated, to what extent did they borrow elements from other cultures to incorporate into their own? Provide examples!  
5. Why did the Japanese consider their nation the land of the rising sun?  
6. To what extent did isolation affect Japanese worldview?  
7. To what extent did nature contribute to the creation of Japanese worldview?  
8. Using the chart below, explore how the elements of nature influenced the beliefs and values of the Japanese people.