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**Japan**

Japan is an island country, comprising 6852 islands along the coast of Asia. It is one of the most populated countries in the world. 75% of the terrain is mountainous meaning the population are concentrated on the narrow coastal plains. The capital city is Tokyo which is the most populated city in the world. Japan is a highly developed country and a great power in global politics.

Key Terms	Definition
Origami	It is the art of folding paper and literally means ‘to fold paper.’ The Paper Crane is a symbol of peace in Japan. A crane is a type of bird with a long neck and wide wings.
Radiation poisoning	Some of the symptoms include: fatigue, nausea, sickness, loss of appetite, seizures and cancer. The amount of radiation determines the level of sickness experienced. After the nuclear bomb, many people suffered.
WW2	In 1940 Japan joined forces with Nazi Germany and Italy agreeing to assist them in the event of war. Japan attacked the US base at Honolulu killing 2,500 people. War was declared a day later. Japan invaded all of its Asian neighbours and only conceded defeat after the nuclear bombs were dropped on the cities.
Emperor Hirohito (1901-1989)	The leader of Japan from 1926 until his death in 1989. The eldest son and heir, raised by the vice admiral of the military as was custom. Attended a school for the nobility where he received rigorous military training.