

Online Book Club

The Mystery at Mount Fuji

Talk About It!

1. Does Japan seem like an exotic country to you? What country or countries might seem "exotic" to Japanese children?
2. Why is Christina so interested in Japanese culture?
3. After reading this book, would you say that Japanese kids are like American kids in a lot of ways? What are some ways they are similar, and what are some ways they are different?
4. Why do you think a samurai sword is a very strong symbol in Japanese culture?
5. Sumo players are very popular in Japan. Can you think of some American athletes who get the same kind of admiration and attention?
6. Do you find the Japanese alphabet interesting? Do you think it would be hard to learn? Why or why not?
7. Do you know why Japan has so many earthquakes?
8. The children were offered some different types of food in Japan, like a lunch of cold rice, fish, and vegetables. Are you willing to try new foods when you visit new places?
9. What did you learn about Japan that you did not know before?
10. Would you like to visit Japan? If so, what would you like to see and do there?

