



**The name of this cat is  
“Maneki Neko”.**

**Maneki Neko is a legend  
and symbol of good luck  
that originated in what  
culture?**

**Use your pencil or the markers to  
write Maneki Neko onto your portfolio. If  
you know Maneki Neko’s culture of origin,  
write that down too. :o)**



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愛



We are made to persist.  
That's how we find out  
who we are.

**Ancient Chinese Proverb**



# The Art of Japanese Calligraphy







Painting entries for  
the annual Japanese  
New Year  
Calligraphy Contest.



# "Kanji"

Kanji is a Japanese writing system based on Chinese characters that originated 4000 years ago.

Kanji characters are pictograms that express the meaning of words.

What other ancient civilization used a writing system of pictograms?



# "Kanji"

Japanese children learn 1,945 kanji before high school graduation.

This is in addition to learning katakana and hirigana.

You would need to know the "basic 1000" kanji to read a Japanese newspaper.



# "Katakana-Hirigana"

Kanji characters were imported by the Japanese nearly 2000 years ago.

During the 10<sup>th</sup> century, the Japanese created 2 unique sets of characters they call kana.

Kana characters are phonetic.

Katakana is used to write words from other languages, like your name.

Hirigana is used for writing native Japanese words that are not in kanji.

# "Katakana"

ア	イ	ウ	エ	オ
カ	キ	ク	ケ	コ
サ	シ	ス	セ	ソ
タ	チ	ツ	テ	ト
ナ	ニ	ヌ	ネ	ノ
ハ	ヒ	フ	ヘ	ホ
マ	ミ	ム	メ	モ
ヤ		ユ		ヨ
ラ	リ	ル	レ	ロ
ワ				ヲ
ン				

# "Hirigana"

あ	い	う	え	お
か	き	く	け	こ
さ	し	す	せ	そ
た	ち	つ	て	と
な	に	ぬ	ね	の
は	ひ	ふ	へ	ほ
ま	み	む	め	も
や		ゆ		よ
ら	り	る	れ	ろ
わ				を
ん				

城弾

"Jordan" done in Kanji.

ジョーダン

"Jordan" in Katakana.

# Aki Fujiwara

藤原亜紀

My name is Aki Fujiwara. My family name is Fujiwara. My kanji character "Fuji" has a meaning of a kind of plant "wisteria". "Wara" has a meaning of "a field". So, my family name means "field of wisterias". My family name is the same name as a historical figure, Yoritomo Fujiwara, who was a top samurai.

The word "Aki" means autumn. My parents chose my name because they like autumn in the four seasons. But my kanji is not the same kanji as the word "aki" meaning "autumn". My parents didn't choose "autum" because the number of character strokes in "autumn" doesn't match my family name.





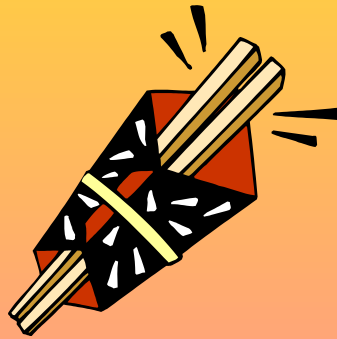
***Wait in the power of knowing what is possible.... Do not waver.... Remain steady... Remain true to your goals and allow life to carry you. That which is worthwhile is sometimes created slowly.***

永

"Yong"

# Konichiwa

"How do you do?"



# Arigato

"Thank you."



"Yong"

Use a marker, any color, to copy the kanji symbol above onto your portfolio.

What is the English translation for Yong?



恭

Copy this kanji symbol for “respect”  
onto your portfolio.



Have you memorized a kanji symbol?  
If you have, paint it onto your piece of  
9x12 paper.

# Perseverance

Write the word perseverance, **3 times**,  
Along any edge of your 12x18 white paper.

*Perseverance Perseverance Perseverance*

*Also sign your name and team name to the edge of your paper.*

# **Perseverance**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjn0zaKIZsY>

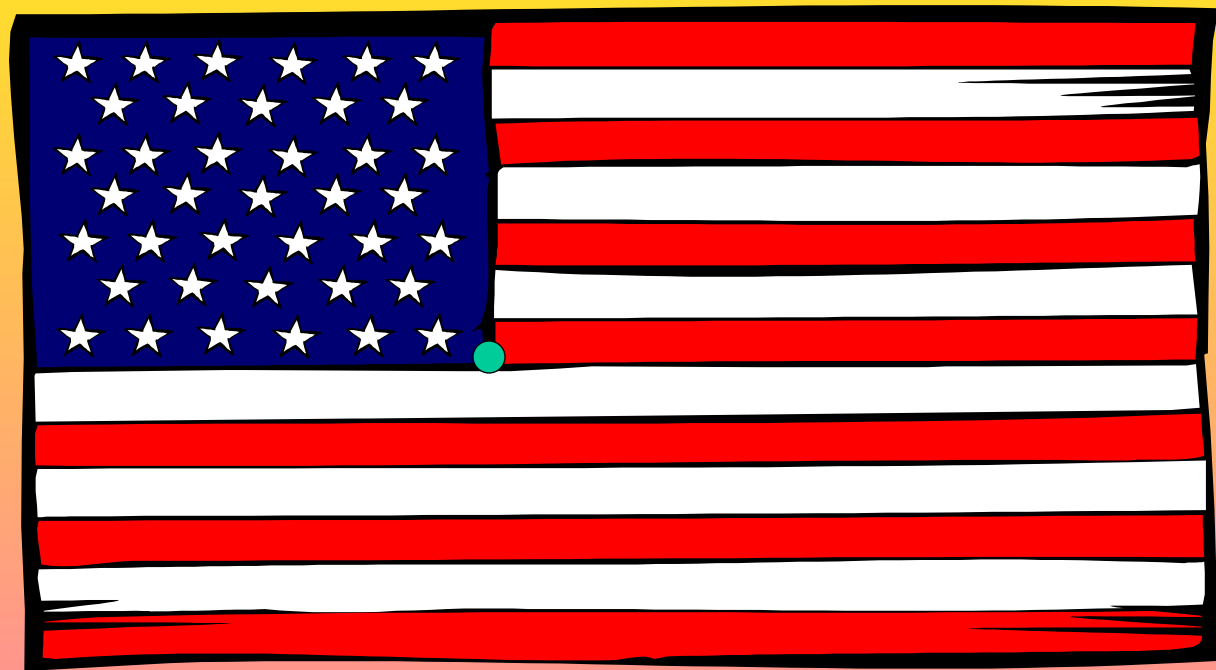


# Color Wheel and Color Harmonies

- Complete the color wheel and color harmonies worksheet/experiment.
- Use a pair of analogous colors to paint the foundation of the dragon's body.
- Use a combination of analogous and complementary colors to detail the dragon.

# Complementary Colors and “After-effect”

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**Foundation**