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Geography of Japan

Japan is known as The Land of the Rising Sun.

Land

- 4 main islands with thousands of smaller islands.
- Archipelago- chain of Islands.

Location

- 100 miles off the coast of China.
- On the Pacific Ring of Fire.
- Area prone to Hurricanes, Volcanoes, and Earthquakes.
- Earthquakes under the sea have led to Tsunamis.
- Tsunami- Very large wave, caused by earthquakes that cause massive destruction when it reaches land.

Landforms

- 4/5 of the land is Mountainous
- Tallest Mountain- Mt. Fuji
- Most Population live along the coasts.

Climate

- North- Temperate Zone
(Humid Continental)
- South- Tropical Zone
(Humid Subtropical)

Vegetation

- Farmers must use **Terrace Farming**. The creation of flat steps (terraces) in the sloping hillsides to make suitable for farming).
- Main crop- Rice

Resources

- Fish/shellfish due to location of Japan.
- **Seafood is the main source of protein in Japanese food and one of their biggest exports.**

Imports

- Coal and Iron ore to use in manufacturing.