

A collection of various Japanese gifts and items. At the top center is a magazine featuring a man's face and the number '376'. To its left is a colorful folding fan with a floral pattern. To its right is a book with a pink cover and a red and white patterned design. Below the magazine is a small Hello Kitty plush toy with a red bow. In the center is a chocolate mold shaped like a person's face. To the right of the chocolate mold is a clear glass container with a greenish liquid inside. At the bottom right is a piece of blue and white patterned fabric.

This kit illustrates Japanese art and culture through a varied selection of classic cultural objects, both traditional and pop. It also includes items from two ethnic minority groups indigenous to Japan who may not be known to younger users of the kit. Select items also highlight close connections between Japan and the United States, even though these nations were once at war. CMLC Info Cards with intriguing facts on each item, books and articles for children and adults.

Age suggestions: 4th grade through Adult

Additional materials you might like to provide: origami paper for making origami; heavy-duty paper, brushes & ink for making the Japanese calligraphy character for “Friend”