



THE JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA
AND BIGLER ESL PRESENT

THE DRUMS OF NOTO HANTO

Virtual Interactive Storytelling from Japan for ages 5 and up!
Introduction about Japanese culture followed by reading by Liz Bigler
based on the storybook by J. Alison James; illustrations by Tsukushi

MAY 5, 2020 4:00 PM

Register Online at

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THE DRUMS OF NOTO HANTO INTERACTIVE READING

The Drums of Noto Hanto is about an ancient village that is being attacked by samurai warships! The villagers play drums and wear scary masks of seaweed and tree bark to scare the samurai and protect their village! Kids, you can participate in the reading by making masks and pretending to play the drums!

TO PREPARE :

Make a scary mask!

1. Print a copy of the mask on card stock ...or regular paper and glue it onto a piece of cardboard (like a cereal box!). Fold the paper along the eyes so you can cut out holes (so you can see)! If you don't have a printer, just draw a scary face on a paper to make a mask!
2. Add green and white hair (to look like seaweed and horse hair). You can use string or yarn, paper cut into strips, or just color with crayons. (You can use other colors, instead! :))
3. Attach a piece of elastic (like a cut rubber band) to wear it as a mask. OR attach it to a popsicle stick or a ruler so you can hold it in front of your face.

Get your DRUMS!

1. Get something you can hit! An upside-down bucket, cooking pot, or even a pillow or big book will work!
2. Get two "drumsticks." They could be paper towel cardboard tubes, sticks from the yard, or even rolled up pieces of paper or magazines that are fastened with tape or rubber bands.

Learn something about Taiko drums and Noto Hanto

1. You can see a taiko drum performance here on youtube.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Bo9_7L4Erc
2. Or this one, by one of the most famous taiko groups, Kodo.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7HL5wYqAbU&t=173s
3. If you want to practice, here's a beginning lesson.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXLqaz5HEbE
4. Look up Noto Peninsula, Japan on Google Maps. Look how it sticks out like a thumb, into the Sea of Japan.

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