Read all the text and study all maps on pages 216-217.
Respond to the following questions and complete the mapping instructions.
You do not need to write complete sentences.
When mapping, label items using text boxes placed properly on the map.

1a. Label the Sea of Japan, the East China Sea, and the Pacific Ocean on your map.

1b. Describe two ways the seas might have influenced Japan’s history.

2a. Japan has 6,852 islands, 430 of which are inhabited. Label the four main islands called Kyushu, Shikoku, Honshu, and Hokkaido on your map.

2b. Which of the four main islands do you think became the center of power in Japan? Why?

3a. Label the Chugoku Mountains, the Japanese Alps, and the Hidaka Mountains on your map.

3b. What effect do you think these mountains had on Japan’s efforts to become a united country?

4a. What percentage - 90%, 60%, or 15% - do you think best expresses the amount of land Japan can use for agriculture?

4b. How might the amount of agricultural land in Japan affect what is grown or raised there?

5a. Label the cities of Nara and Kyoto on your map.

5b. Nara and Kyoto were two ancient capitals. Why do you think they were good locations for a capital?
6a. Study the four colors representing the number of people per square mile that live in Japan.

6b. In what type of area do most people live in Japan: mountainous; coastal; or forest?

7a. Label the Kanto Plain on your map.

7b. Why do you think the Kanto Plain is the most populated area in Japan?

8a. Look at the map on page 423 of your book. On your map, label Japan's four closest major countries.

8b. How do you think these neighbors might have affected Japan's history?