

BELL WORK

A stone statue of Lady Murasaki Shikibu, a Japanese noblewoman, poet, and novelist, is seated on a large, multi-tiered stone pedestal. She is depicted in traditional courtly attire, holding a book. The background shows a town with buildings and a river, with mountains in the distance under a clear sky.

- Read the biography of Lady Murasaki Shikibu on page 451.

- Answer the *Drawing Conclusions* question.
- Study for your vocabulary quiz when you finish.

Vocabulary Quiz

- Clear off your desk for your vocabulary quiz.

Japan Lesson 6

7.30 Describe how the Heian (contemporary Kyoto) aristocracy created enduring Japanese cultural perspectives that are epitomized in works of prose such as *The Tale of Genji*, one of the world's first novels. (C, H)

Essential Questions

- What kind of literature was present during the Heian period?
- Who wrote this literature?
- How did Japanese aristocracy affect literature?
- How did Japanese aristocracy affect culture?
- What role did *The Tale of Genji* play in Japanese literature?

What Mastery Looks Like

- Why is Murasaki Shikibu a major figure in the history of Japanese culture?
- Most great works of early Japanese literature were written by
 - Buddhist scholars
 - Samurai warriors
 - Shinto priests
 - Noble women

Instagram Articles

- Each group will be assigned an article.
 - Each group will read their article.
 - After reading, summarize the article with a 5 minute Instagram picture and at least two hashtags.
 - This means you draw a QUICK sketch that will help us understand what your article says.
 - Create at least two hashtags to go with your Instagram.
 - Draw your sketch and hashtags under the article.
 - You have ten minutes to read each article and complete the task.

Tale of Genji

- Silently read p.452 and 453.
 - Answer 1-3 and be ready to discuss this excerpt with the class.

Exit Ticket

Choose one of the following questions to answer.

1. Why is Murasaki Shikibu a major figure in the history of Japanese culture?

2. Most great works of early Japanese literature were written by which of the following? Explain how you know!

- Buddhist scholars
- Samurai warriors
- Shinto priests
- Noble women