

Student Link

Lesson Activity for Grade 5 The Kabuki Story

Student Name: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Open your browser and surf to StudentLink. Click on the Grade 5 door and then select The Arts. Under Column #3, *Drama and Dance*—choose **The Kabuki Story**. Kabuki what, you say? Let's find out!!!
2. Straightaway we learn this website has won a prize. Which one?

3. A lot of information is provided in the first few lines of the homepage! Who devised and cCoordinated this project?

List 2 places that the person above worked "in association with":
1) _____
2) _____



4. Take a moment to look at the piece of clipart that is shown on the right-hand side of the homepage.
What does it remind you of, or make you think of? _____

Can you think of a place or different time when you saw an image like this? _____
If YES, where was it? _____
If NO, where do you think a picture like this would be found? _____
Based on these guesses and inferences, what do you think "kabuki" is going to be about?

Which culture is responsible (in your opinion) for the creation of "kabuki"? _____
5. The homepage makes it pretty clear what the purpose of this entire site is.
Fill in the blanks: This _____ was devised to _____
students to _____ Edo _____ Japan via _____
_____ forms



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6. Click on the "glossary" link (it's in red). It's important to know a few terms before we start. What does **Bugaku** mean?



7. Who was **Chikamatsu Monzaemon**? _____

When was he born? _____ When did he pass away? _____

What is an awase? _____

8. Click the "back" button to return to the homepage. Now click on "Anatomy of Kabuki". This new page provides 8 different sections which clearly explain what is involved in a kabuki play. Click on each link and skim the information provided (there is a LOT to look at!). Then



pick one important point that you feel explains 5 of these sections concisely.

1. Story: _____

2) Musical elements: _____

3) Dramatic content: _____

4) Dance: _____

5) Costume: _____