

WORKSHEET

MUSHA-E (武者絵) AND FAMOUS SCENES FROM KABUKI (歌舞伎)

Explore the story of Minamoto no Yorimitsu.

What can you see?



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Raiko breaks Hakamadare's magical spell and captures him (*Kijutsu o yabutte Yorimitsu Hakamadare o karamen to su* 破奇術頼光袴垂為搦, 1858)

- なに
1. 何がみえますか。What can you see in the picture? Look up the words below and circle your answers.

人
へび
木
さむらい
くま
かたな
水
そら

- なんじ
2. いまは何時ごろですか。What time of day is it? Circle your answers.

あさ
ひる
よる

3. 何いろが見えますか。What colours can you see? Circle five answers.

オレンジ
みどり
ピンク
あお
くろ
むらさき
しろ
きいろ

4. Complete the following sentences using words for colours.

そらは_____です。
へびは_____です。
くまは_____です。
木は_____です。

あか

5. 赤いろはどんなイメージがもつですか。
What might red represent in this image? Choose two words.
- きけん (danger)
 - へいわ (peace)
 - あい (love)
 - ちから (power)

おおきい
あぶない
やさしい

7. The men in the left panel have found a huge and frightening snake in the middle of a dark forest. How do you think they might be feeling? Choose one word.

うれしい
かなしい
びっくり

6. へびはどんなかんじですか。
Which three words could describe the snake?
- こわい
 - ちいさい
 - かわいい
 - おもしろい

ABOUT THE STORY

This image tells the story of a legendary warrior called Minamoto no Yorimitsu (also known as Raiko) as it would have been portrayed in a *kabuki* play. Raiko and his men are pictured on the left panel with their swords drawn. The man on the right is an outlaw and thief called Hakamadare Yasuke. He is seated calmly and appears to be performing a magic gesture.

In this scene Hakamadare has conjured an illusion of a giant snake and what appears to be a small black bear. The giant snake looks frightening and powerful with its jaws wide open and ready to strike. We can tell what happens in the end by reading the title.

Mark the statements T(ue) or F(alse) and provide some evidence from the print for your answer in Japanese if you can.

Example

いま

今はあさです。

T/F: [F] (It is morning)

いま

Evidence: そらがくらいですから、今はよるです。The sky is dark, so it is the evening.

ひと

はかまだれ やすけ は やさしい人です。

T/F: []

Evidence: _____

へび が こわいです。

T/F: []

Evidence: _____

つよ

らいこは強いです。

T/F: []

Evidence: _____

へび は ほんとう の どうぶつです。

T/F: []

Evidence: _____
