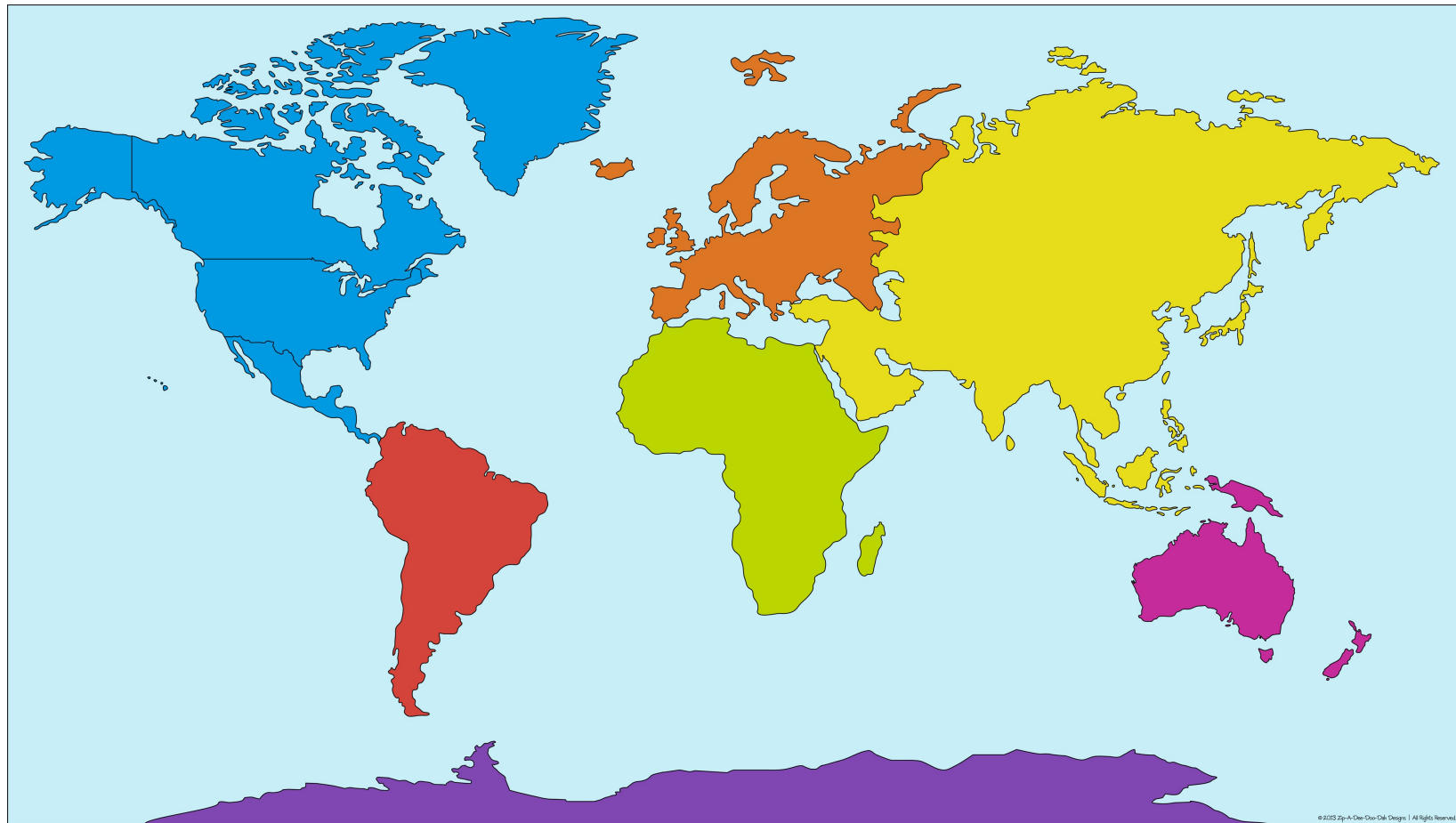
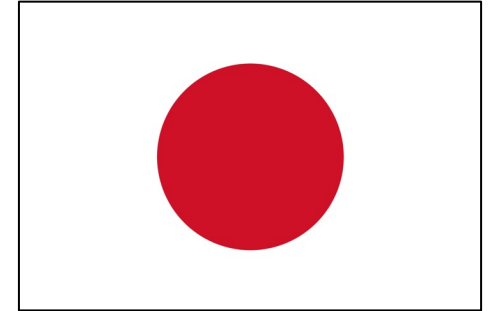


# CHRISTMAS

# IN JAPAN



# HOLIDAY FOOD



**Christmas cake**



**fried chicken**



**wagashi**



**yuzu**



# SANTA TRADITIONS

In Japan, Christmas is not as much of a religious holiday as in some other countries. Santa comes to the children and he is called Santa-San. Another person who brings gifts to children is a Japanese god named Hoteiosho. There are no chimneys in Japan for Santa-San to slide down so he leaves gifts above the pillows while the children are asleep.





# TRADITIONS



**illuminations**



**Christmas markets**



**pop-up cards**



**small trees**



# FACTS



Christmas Eve is thought of as the most romantic day of the year. It's the Japanese version of Valentine's Day. Couples go on dates, go to romantic dinners and give each other romantic gifts. You don't want to be seen alone in public on Christmas Eve in Japan!



People open their presents very carefully in Japan. They keep the wrapping paper nice and don't rip them open. This is how they show respect for the giver and the gift.



New Year's Day is celebrated for five days in Japan! People are busy from December 31<sup>st</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup> spending time with their families and having fun together.

