

Bunraku Puppetry Explores Japan

Great for Grades 7 - 9

The *Bunraku Puppetry Explores Japan* crate examines this sophisticated puppetry style of Japan. Beyond the fascinating history and traditions of Bunraku, explained through an illustrated power point presentation and video, there are many hands on activities for the students.

The crate comes with two beautifully hand-crafted, 90 cm tall puppets, a Samaria warrior and an elegant woman as well a scripted Japanese folk tale. Instructions on how to manipulate the puppets are available.

Additionally there are materials and instructions for a simple Bunraku style puppet for students to make. The crate also includes supplies for a Japanese tie dye (Shibori) project and background info on other Japanese traditions such as a Tea Ceremony, Kimono patterns and more.

Teachers can choose to link the Japanese activities to Grade 8 Social Studies curriculum goals, using suggestions included with the crate or focus on art and drama curricula ties.

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