

## Soft power vs. Hard power

What is Japan?

- A country?  
Located in east Asia
- A culture
- Japanese people

Angles that might pick for wk5:

Geo-political, historical, religious, economic, ethnological, popular cultural, mass-media, education, sociological, etc.

Land

Small in some sense: small in the area

Big in other sense: big influence, big population, big economy

And the big and small are dependent on the view and comparison.

Climate: different across the country

Why the people of all east asia countries are noted for their hard work and unflagged energy?

- Japan experiencing the economic bloom while the US is at economic depression, “flying east” east model for Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and also China. And writers in 18 or 19 describe such bloom shames American workers so makes them the impression that east asia people are hardworking.
- For Japanese, for most times, it is more important to make you looks busy rather than you are really busy.
- But Japanese are really experience extreme high workload. So it is mixed with myth and the truth.