



## Where in the World Can I Become a Ninja?

*Where in the World Can I Become a Ninja?* examines the history and practice of ninjutsu, the ancient art of Japanese warfare, and describes historic grounds in Japan where you can learn ninja skills!

### What did you learn?

#### QUESTIONS

1. Ninja originate from ...
  - a. China
  - b. Europe
  - c. America
  - d. Japan
2. Shuriken are ...
  - a. Leather finger sheaths topped with sharp metal "claws"
  - b. A traditional long curved sword
  - c. A metal chain with a long carved blade at the end
  - d. Bladed throwing discs or stars
3. When ninja are featured in puppet plays, theatrical productions and wood-block prints, they are all dressed in ...
  - a. Black
  - b. Dark green
  - c. Red
  - d. White
4. The castle White Phoenix was built under the command of ...
  - a. Prince Shotoku
  - b. Sun Tzu
  - c. Takigawa Katsutoshi
  - d. Mochizuki Izumonokami
5. What is a *katana*?
6. Who wrote the military manual *The Art of War*?

#### TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. Ninja and samurai are the same thing.  | _____ 4. Ninja are present in today's media.                           |
| _____ 2. Female ninja are known as shinobi.     | _____ 5. Iga and Kyoto were the main places to learn ninjutsu.         |
| _____ 3. Ninja practice what's called ninjutsu. | _____ 6. Six hand gestures go along with the humming of the kuji-kiri. |



## ANSWERS

- 1. d. Japan.** According to the section "What Is a Ninja?" on page 6, we know that "Ninja were often from Japan's lower social classes." So, the correct answer is D.
- 2. d. Bladed throwing discs or stars.** According to the section "What Is a Ninja?" on page 15, we know that "Shinobi used knives, bladed throwing discs or stars, called *shuriken* ..." So, the correct answer is D.
- 3. a. Black.** According to the section "What Is a Ninja?" on page 18, we know that "The ninja were dressed in all black." So, the correct answer is A.
- 4. c. Takigawa Katsutoshi.** According to the section "Iga" on page 37, we know that "The castle was built under the command of Takigawa Katsutoshi." So, the correct answer is C.
- 5.** According to page 33, a *katana* is a traditional long, curved sword.
- 6.** According to page 8, *The Art of War* was written by Chinese writer Sun Tzu.

## TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. False.** According to the section "What Is a Ninja?" on pages 6 and 13, we know that "Ninja were often from Japan's lower social classes. They were masters at different kinds of armed and unarmed combat" and "Samurai were the warrior class in Japan ... Ninja and samurai fought many battles against each other!" So, the correct answer is False.
- 2. True.** According to the section "What Is a Ninja?" on page 17, we know that "Today, a female ninja or a woman that practices ninjutsu martial arts is often called kunoichi." So, the correct answer is True.
- 3. True.** According to the section "What Is a Ninja?" on page 6, we know that "A ninja is a person who practices—does—*ninjutsu*." So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. False.** According to the section "What Is a Ninja?" on page 18, we know that "More recently, ninja have also appeared in novels, films, anime, and video games." So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. False.** According to the section "What Is a Ninja?" on page 11, we know that "The two most well-known ninjutsu schools developed in Iga ... and nearby Koka ..." So, the correct answer is False.
- 6. False.** According to the section "Iga" on page 24, we know that "Nine hand gestures go along with the humming." So, the correct answer is False.