**ふじさんとかみさま**

Read the text about Mt Fuji below and answer the questions.

むかし、日本にかみさまがすんでいました。

ふじ山のかみさまは、おんなのかみさまです。

かみさまのシンボルはさくらです。

とくべつなパワーがあります。

ふじ山はしんせいなところです。

たくさんの日本人がふじ山にのぼります。

Fujisan’s natural beauty and volcanic activity have made it a sacred mountain. There are many myths and legends about its spiritual significance and its kami. Kami are the gods of the Shinto religion, and can be elements of nature as well as ancestors. The main kami of Mt Fuji is the goddess Konohanasakuyahime, whose symbol is the cherry blossom. She is related to Amaterasu Ōmikami, the goddess who is said to have created the islands of Japan. Shinto shrines dot the base and slopes of the mountain, and pilgrims have been climbing Mt Fuji since ancient times.

1. What are かみさま ? In which religion do they appear?
2. Are there similar beliefs connected to nature in your culture?
3. Do you know any place which has とくべつなパワー?

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1. List three places which are considered しんせいなところ in Australia.

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5. Why do the local Aborigines ask visitors not to climb Uluru?

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Extra resources: Activity resources: Creation of Japan （Manga reading）

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