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Japanese Art and Literature

Common Theme

- ✂ Nature- animals, flowers, trees, landscapes, sun
- ✂ Beauty of nature

Types of Art

- ✂ Screen painting
- ✂ Crafts, Lacquer, and ceramics
- ✂ Origami- paper folding
- ✂ Japanese Anime (animation)

Literature

- Poetry- Tanka and Haiku
- The Tale of Genji- Most famous novel –Nobel Prize 1968

Theater

- Noh Theater- oldest form of Japanese theater
 - ❖ Male actors play all roles
 - ❖ Created for nobility
 - ❖ Actors wear simple silk robes and wooden masks
 - ❖ Actors use slow and deliberate motions
 - ❖ Stories are based on history or legends
- Kabuki Theater- most popular form of Japanese theater
 - ❖ Male actors play all roles
 - ❖ Created for common people of Japan
 - ❖ Actors wear white face paint to accentuate emotions and traditional Japanese clothing
 - ❖ Actors use exaggerated movements
 - ❖ Stories are livelier and easier to understand
- Bunraku- Puppet theater

Music

- Usually contains a solo voice or instrument that follows the same tune.
- Japanese instruments: bamboo flutes, gongs, samisen (Banjo)