



**Katsushika Hokusai**  
Japan, 1760-1849  
*The Great Wave, 1829*

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**The Artwork:**  
*The Great Wave*

<http://k8charterschool.com/art-title-the-great-wave/>

## The Artist

Katsushika Hokusai  
<http://happyscribbles.net/katushika->

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## Mount Fuji

<http://www.sacred-destinations.com/japan/mount-fuji>

## Connecting to Standards

- 3.RN.2.1, 3.RN.2.2, 3.RN.2.3, 3.W.3.3
- 7.RN.2.1, 7.RN.2.3, 7.W.3.1

## Writing Prompts

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Read Hokusai's biography. Based on the information in his biography, write a narrative that explains the story which led Hokusai to create *The Great Wave*. Be sure to use information from the biography article to support your narrative.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Read the article about Mount Fuji. There are multiple sections of the article that discuss the symbolism of Mount Fuji to Japanese culture. Based on the symbolism discussed in the article, as well as the painting itself, write a persuasive essay arguing what you believe Hokusai's main message was behind the large wave moving towards land with Mount Fuji in the background. Be sure to include information from the article and the artwork in your writing.