Creating Venn Diagrams
Comparing Imperial China and Feudal Japan

This culminating project challenges you to create an illustrated and annotated Venn diagram on a large piece of unlined paper or poster board that addresses this question: "How was life in imperial China and feudal Japan similar and different?" Your Venn diagram—containing key words and phrases, illustrations and graphic symbols, and a summary statement—will represent the similarities and differences between imperial China and feudal Japan in geography, government, foreign relations, belief systems, daily life, and cultural achievements. To do this, you will use key information from your notes and textbook, plus any other information you have gathered from this unit.

Requirements

1. Your Venn diagram must reflect a clear understanding of the unit’s most important topics—dynastic rule in China, the flowering of Chinese culture, the development of feudalism in Japan, and features of Japanese culture.

2. Your Venn diagram must compare and contrast imperial China and feudal Japan in these six topics:
   - Geography
   - Government
   - Foreign relations
   - Belief systems
   - Daily life
   - Cultural achievements

3. Your Venn diagram must combine words, phrases, illustrations, pictures, and graphic symbols to give the reader a clear understanding of what was unique to imperial China, what was unique to feudal Japan, and what was shared by both for each of the six topics.

4. You must use your creativity to arrange the written words and the visuals within the Venn diagram in a stylistic and appealing way.

5. Attached to the Venn diagram must be a summary statement—approximately one page in length—of what is contained in the diagram. It should consist of three paragraphs—one discussing the unique aspects of imperial China, one discussing the unique aspects of Japan, and one discussing their similarities.