

Some people think this image depicts a tsunami, however most now think that it shows a 'rogue wave'.

Find out about rogue waves or other types of waves using: <https://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-currents-and-waves/> and <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/roguewaves.html>.

You could write an explanation text to share what you learn.

Read these linked texts:

*All about Japan* by Willamarie Moore & Kazumi Wilds  
*The Great Wave* by Veronique Massenot & Bruno Pilorget  
*The Great Wave of Tamarind* by Nadia Aguiar  
*Tsunamis* by Lisa and Richard Spilsbury

Write a story using this image as inspiration. You could begin by using this story starter:

*As the great wave roared, its ferocious power for all to see, the fishermen huddled together for safety...*



A tanka is a type of Japanese poetry. It has five lines and each line has either 5 or 7 syllables.

They follow the pattern:

5, 7, 5, 7, 7.

Look at this example:

*The great wave crashes (5)  
under Mount Fuji's cold peak. (7)  
Rushing water roars, (5)  
courageous fishermen try (7)  
to escape the sea's clutches. (7)*

Can you write your own tanka inspired by the image?

### ***The Great Wave off Kanagawa* by the Japanese artist Hokusai (c. 1830)**

You can find out more about this image by watching <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JCZmZM7nBTc>.

Perhaps you could draw or paint your own version?

The artist who created this image is Hokusai. He lived in Japan from c. 31 October 1760 – 10 May 1849. Hokusai was famous for his woodblock prints such as this one. You could find out about him using : <https://academickids.com/encyclopedia/index.php/Hokusai>

Create a biography of Hokusai to teach younger children about this great artist.