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## HIKAWA SHRINE



Emperor Koshi built Hikawa Shrine in 473 BC. “Hikawa” means frozen river, and Hikawa City has a lot of beautiful nature like cherry blossoms. The shrine is in Omiya. “Omiya” means great shrine. Emperor Meiji really loved Hikawa Shrine, and said it was the most important shrine in Kanto. Hikawa is a Shinto shrine. In Shinto, everything in nature has a spirit called Kami. Every year, on December 10th, people celebrate at Hikawa Shrine for the Kami who live there. One Kami who lives there is *Susano no Mikoto*, the spirit of storms and the sea. Hikawa Shrine has a long history. It is more than 2,400 years old. Why don't you visit there some day?

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**A: Yes or No**

- (1) Yes / No Does “Hikawa” mean great shrine?
- (2) Yes / No Did Emperor Meiji build Hikawa Shrine?

**B: True or False**

- (1) T / F People visit Hikawa Shrine to celebrate on December tenth.
- (2) T / F There are many Kami at Hikawa Shrine.

**C: Answer the Following Questions With Sentences**

(1) How old is Hikawa Shrine?

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(2) Do you want to visit Hikawa Shrine? Why or why not?

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**D: Write Your Opinion!**



I read “(story name).” It is about (topic). I think this story is ... because ....

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