Cherry Trees

Read the story about cherry trees. Then, answer the questions on the next page.

Cherry trees make pretty flowers in the spring. They are pink flowers. Many cherry trees grow in Japan. People there have cherry tree parties. They eat under the trees.

In 1912, Japan gave a gift to the United States. It sent 3,000 cherry trees. The trees came on a large boat. They were planted in Washington, D.C. The trees showed that Japan and America were friends.

People loved the trees. Many people came to look at them. In 1927, America had its first cherry tree party. Today, the party takes place every spring.

In 1952, many of Japan’s cherry trees died. Japan asked for America’s help. So the United States gave back parts of its cherry trees. From those parts, new cherry trees grew. The friendship between Japan and America goes on.
1. What do the Japanese like to do with cherry trees?

2. What did the gift of cherry trees to the United States show?

3. What happened to Japan’s cherry trees?

4. Explain how Japan got new cherry trees again.

Draw a cherry tree below. Use the previous page to help you decide what colors to use.