Kiko's Kimono

Genre: Nonfiction
Concept: Cultures

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Today is Culture Day at school. Kiko brings a kimono to show her class. Her grandmother sent it from Japan.
Kiko tells the class about her kimono. She says that a kimono is a long, fancy robe. People in Japan wear kimonos on special days.

Sometimes a kimono has a wide sash. The sash is a long piece of cloth that ties in back.
People wear special shoes and socks with a kimono. How are these socks different from yours?

Not every kimono is the same. A girl’s kimono has long sleeves. A married woman’s kimono has short sleeves. A man’s kimono has dark colors.
People wear kimonos for festivals and weddings. Just like Kiko, they feel special when they wear one!

Reader Response

1. How is a kimono different from clothing you wear?
2. What kinds of special clothing have you seen or worn?
3. How does our culture affect the clothes we wear?