



THE JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY
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Japan-in-a-Suitcase Curriculum Grades 6-8 • Assembly Lesson Plan

1. Introduction (5 minutes)

- Presenters greet the students in Japanese.
- Start the class like a Japanese class by having everyone stand up and bow.

2. Geography of Japan (10 minutes)

- Discuss basic facts about Japan along with the weather and geography.

3. School in Japan (10 minutes)

- Compare and contrast a day in the life of a Japanese middle school student with that of an American student.
- Pass around authentic Japanese school supplies.

4. Japanese Customs 101 (20 minutes)

- Quiz game show on what's good manners and what's taboo in Japan.
- Teach the students to give a self introduction in Japanese.

5. Historic and Medieval Japan (15 minutes)

- Overview of Japan's medieval period
- Try on various traditional clothing.

6. Pop Japan - Japan Today (15 minutes)

- Examine life in modern Japan: technology, food, martial arts...
- Discuss the language and writing systems.

7. Japanese Language Crash Course (OPTIONAL - if time allows)

- Teach basic greetings, numbers and other phrases in Japanese.

8. Conclusion (10 minutes)

- Q&A with the students

