

Japanese Etiquette and Customs

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Topic: Japanese Etiquette and Customs

One-Day Lesson Plan

Overall theme of the lesson:

After students learned about common Korean etiquettes and customs they will get the chance to compare and contrast it with the Japanese by watching authentic videos, having class discussion and a planned activity where the students physically act, practice and perform the Japanese cultural actions, i.e. bowing properly to others. Since the students already learned about the etiquette and customs of Korea, students will be asked to write a short reflective essay about 5 things they have learned and the similarities and differences between the Korean culture and the Japanese culture. In discussions and essays students are encouraged a free expression of their thoughts. Follow up lessons are suggested to review the most common customs and traditions along with some simple Japanese phrases.

National World Language Standard(s) addressed by this lesson:

- 1) ACTFL - Cultures 2.1 – Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the culture studied.
- 2) ACTFL – Cultures 2.2 – Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products and perspectives of the culture studied.
- 3) ACTFL – Connections 3.1 – Students reinforce and further their knowledge of other disciplines through the foreign language.
- 4) ACTFL – Connections 3.2 – Students acquire information and recognize the distinctive viewpoints that are only available through the foreign language and its cultures.
- 5) ACTFL – Comparisons 4.2 – Students demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the cultures studied and their own.

Instructional Objectives:

Teacher will:

- The teacher will use short introductory videos on Japanese etiquette and customs to introduce basic concepts. 10-15 minutes stopping for explanation and short questions.
- The teacher will demonstrate and have students perform the Japanese etiquette and customs.
- The teacher will assign a one page short reaction essay for the students to reflect on what they learned how it changed or enhanced their thoughts about Japanese culture.

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Performance Objectives:

Students will be able to:

- The students will be able to better relate and distinguish the similarities and differences between the Korean and Japanese etiquette and customs.
- The students will be able to better relate and distinguish the similarities and differences between the Japanese and Chinese language.
- The students will be able to will demonstrate and the Japanese etiquette and customs.
- The students will be able to reflect on what they learned to others and explain how it changed or enhanced their thoughts about Japanese culture.

Instructional Activity:

1. Students will begin learning from the Japanese etiquette videos. Students will watch the video and have a discussion about what they learned in the video and the differences and similarities with it in American culture and Korean culture. 10-15 minute stopping for explanation and short questions.

Teacher Lead Questions:

- How many different bows are there??
- How do Japanese people shakes hands differently?
- What are the common greetings?
- Why is respect so important?

2. Students will then perform the action of the bowing properly and then describe and show their favorite bows to their peers in class. Students will practice bowing to each other with honorific cue cards i.e. boss, doctor, teacher, student, father and grandmother. With time remaining, students can practice handshakes and greeting each other in Japanese.

Assignment:

Students will be asked to write a 1 page reflective essay about 5 things they have learned and 5-10 the similarities and differences between the Japanese culture and the Korean culture and/or the American culture. Students are encouraged a free expression of their through this essay.

Resources:

Sharon Schweitzer, Access to Asia: Your Multicultural Guide to Building Trust, Inspiring Respect, and Creating Long-Lasting Business Relationships (Wiley 2015)

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Japan Travel - Useful Etiquette Tips

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cp3HW3EQa6A>

How to Bow in Japan: Eshaku 会釈

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUeJ8TEDRTo>

Extra Resources:

How do Japanese People Celebrate the New Year?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHpXL1MTDK0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8igejlGKHCM>