



JAPAN

MY BEFORE AND AFTER

HONORS CONTRACT DELIVERABLE

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MY LEARNING OBJECTIVE

- **Student Learning Outcome:** Awareness of Cultural Diversity
 - This topic ended this spring, split into three
 - Outcome: “Students will acknowledge and understand the concept of diversity and demonstrate the ability to critically analyze dimensions and perspectives of diversity.”
 - My personal objective, to grow as a person and learn about diversity in the world
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THE BEFORE



- I had only seen Japan through anime and videos online
- I knew I loved their food and what I thought Japanese culture to be
- I heard amount strong misogynism belittling women

Point I wanted to observe

- Was Japan really as clean as tourists claimed?
- Were Japanese trains truly as impressive as I heard?
- How kind are Japanese citizens compared to Americans?
- What things would catch me by surprise?

THE FIRST NIGHT

EXCLUSIVE SLIDE

- Immediate first impressions, dipping my toe into the water
 - Was very nervous after getting through TSA (money, directions, etc.)
 - Was my first time ever leaving America
 - The trains systems are very versatile and convenient
 - There are so many things to do on the street
 - The hotel room was tiny, but I expected this
 - Night life was unexpected
 - Very bright, loads of buildings with multiple floors, people out exploring on a weeknight
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SANITATION IN JAPAN

- Garbage cans are very rare compared to America
 - I used my backpack as a temporary garbage
- Certain stores won't allow garbage from others
 - Convenience stores would put stickers on your purchases
- Japan was very clean despite how many people there are
 - An exception being some parts of Osaka
- Certain rules that should be follow
 - Rewrap gum, don't blow your nose or spit in public, etc



TRANSIT AND TRAINS IN JAPAN

- Very big on public transport (my feet could not keep up)
 - Driving gets more common in suburban areas like Toyota
 - Japanese subways are sophisticated but simple
 - Easy to navigate trains, not so much else
 - I learned so much about trains, every day it became easier
 - How different lines work, what you could use, how to get to your train, and so on
 - Some shocks about their transit system:
 - Such young children navigate and ride all alone
 - People WILL make room on the train
 - Subway stations are like mini-malls
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霞ヶ関
かすみがせき
Kasumigaseki

M 15

M 16

銀座
Ginza
ぎんざ

3

新宿 荻窪方面
for Shinjuku, Ogikubo

M 丸ノ内線案内
Marunouchi Line

大手町 池袋方面
for Otemachi, Ikebukuro



標準時刻表 Train Departures Weekdays

26	33	44	53																				
6	12	18	24	30	35	41	46	51	55														
5	8	12	15	19	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	42	45	47	49	51	54	56	58	51	53	55	
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新宿・荻窪方面
for Shinjuku, Ogikubo

土曜・休日標準時刻表 Train Departures Saturdays & Holidays

5	19	26	33	44	54								
6	4	14	22	29	36	42	48	54					
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2	0	4	8	13	18	23	28	33	38	43	48	52	57
9	3	8	12	17	22	28	32	37	42	48	53	58	

新宿・荻窪方面
for Shinjuku, Ogikubo

Response in Case of a Fire
发生火灾时的对策



Tokyo Subway Route Map
TOKYO METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

BEHAVIOR AND ETIQUETTE IN JAPAN

- Japanese citizens truly were very polite people, helping me on multiple occasions
 - Bowing is extremely common, a small gesture I wish was more popular everywhere
 - They start and end some talk with “arigato-gozaimasu”, a polite touch
 - At Universal Studios, I saw someone picking rocks out of a water grate
 - This is a great example of their work ethic
 - This mentality fostered in Japan comes from things like...
 - Parental traditions, schooling, seeing others in society, etc
 - I hadn't witnessed this, but even organized crime follows some strict rules
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PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS

THE SAME DIFFERENCE

- 6300 miles
- 14+ hour of flying
- We live so far, yet are so similar
- Japanese citizens live the same life we do
- They go to school, work, watch tv



JAPANESE RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

- There were shrines all over the place
 - Specific steps you are to follow if you want to be proper
 - A kind lady helped teach me how to clean my hands the proper way
 - The shrines look very similar
 - Containing things like tori gates or Shide
 - The prayer sites were very clean and cared for
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THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR HISTORY

- Many historical sites in Japan are strictly upkept
 - They rebuild if damaged, refurbish if in need of refurbishing, and protect when susceptible
 - Fushimi Inari (1000 tori gates), Meiji Jingu, Osaka Castle, Himeji Castle
 - Multiple museums ranging in different topics
 - Some of the actual locations had museums built it
 - The crowds at these locations were very large, portraying interest
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THE AFTER

- After arriving back from Japan, I was a different person
 - Traveling across the world for multiple weeks might have that effect
 - Seeing people, the same as me but different, living the same lives as me but different was a very important observation [“Small world”]
 - Japan completely lived up to my expectations and then some
 - The friends and memories I made along the trip will follow me forever
 - I still find myself subconsciously doing small bows in public
 - Most importantly, I am wondering when I get to go again
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MY FAVORITE PICTURES





BONUS TEACHER APPRECIATION SLIDE!!

- Thank you again for such an amazing experience, I know I speak for everyone when I say I will remember this trip for the rest of my life. You two put in much of your own time for our own benefit, so I really want to ensure my appreciation gets across. I hope to see you sometime again before I graduate.