

Famous People of Japan

Purpose:

Become familiar with some Japanese people.

Target Grade Levels: 4-12

Essential Questions:

1. Who are some famous Japanese people?
2. What did famous Japanese people contribute?

Rationale:

Students will learn how the United States has benefited from famous Japanese people.

Materials:

- *Who's Who of Japan* book (Amazon.com)
- *Famous Personages in Japan* at <http://www.kyoto-su.ac.jp/information/famous/index.html>

Activities:

1. Teacher introduces and makes students aware of selected Japanese people.
2. Students investigate famous Japanese contributions and how they have affected the United States.
3. Students present findings in reports done in skits, group work, role playing or written reports.
4. Class discussion and teacher's feedback on reports and notes taken during presentations.
5. Students write a question on a famous Japanese person for a test.

Assessment:

Rubric, discussion and test

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Relationship to Social Studies Standards:

Grades 9-10, People in Societies, Benchmark A

Analyze the influence of different cultural perspectives on the actions of groups.

Literature, Politics, Film, Television, Sports, and the Imperial Family (p.35)

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