# Teaching Cross Cultural Understanding

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#### **Quick Introductions**

- Who are you?
  - Name, Hometown, School, Years teaching etc...
- What do you want to gain from this workshop?

### Goals / Guiding Questions

- What **practical skills** are necessary for a student to develop cross cultural understanding?
- What **interpersonal skills** are necessary for a student to develop cross cultural understanding?
- What is the purpose of an 異文化理解 class? How is it related to **English language** learning?
- What **strategies** can we use in the classroom to facilitate learning?

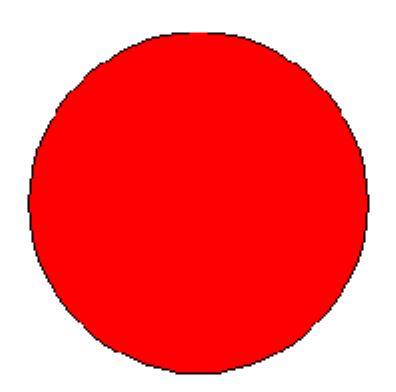
#### **Outline**

A. CCU Philosophy and Overview

B. High-Level School: Naha Kokusai curriculum and projects

C. Low-Mid Level School: Oroku projects and lessons

# What IS Cross Cultural Understanding?





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## A Working Definition of CCU

- [A class that] Uses materials that deepen understanding of various ways of seeing and thinking, deepening international understanding from a broad perspective, heightening students' awareness of their own culture, and their role in the global community.
- From MEXT High School English Guidelines!

#### The Wonderful World of CCU

- No Textbook = freedom to choose interesting materials
- Expose students to a range of learning methods
- Develop students' comfort using English to express themselves in real-world contexts

### Or trouble in paradise...

- Lack of Textbook no clear goals/methods?
- Less predictable student progress, so long term planning is difficult
- Irregular class structure, so grading is difficult
- Information overload, material is too challenging
- L1 (日本語) vs. L2 (English)
- Student confusion with teaching style

# The basic challenge of "teaching" CCU?

It cannot be taught...

it is learned through experience.

But, we can give students some **skills**, some **knowledge**, and some **inspiration** to keep learning on their own.

## How I introduce Ibunka to my students...

## POP クイズ!!



### What did you see?

• An old lady or a young woman? Both?

### Why is this important?

- Everyone sees themselves and the world around them a little differently.
- So, we must learn to understand ourselves so we can communicate well with others and understand them, too.

Communicate Understand



#### In this class, you will learn

- To express your opinions, identity, and culture in English
- 自分の意見とアイデンティティーと文化を英語で説目すること
- Skills for critical thinking and effective communication
- ・ 批判的思考法と効果的なコミュニケーション
- About global environmental and social issues
- グローバルの環境と社会の問題にすいて

### For this class, you need

- An A4 folder for handouts
- To arrive on time, ready to learn
- To ask questions, especially when you don't understand.
- To speak out!
- To try your best to use English as much as possible.

#### CCU Skills

- Brainstorming
- Note-taking
- Online Research
- Writing
- Oral Presentation Skills
- Visual Presentation Skills
- Any to Add?

- Self Awareness
- Critical Thinking
- Knowledge of Global Issues

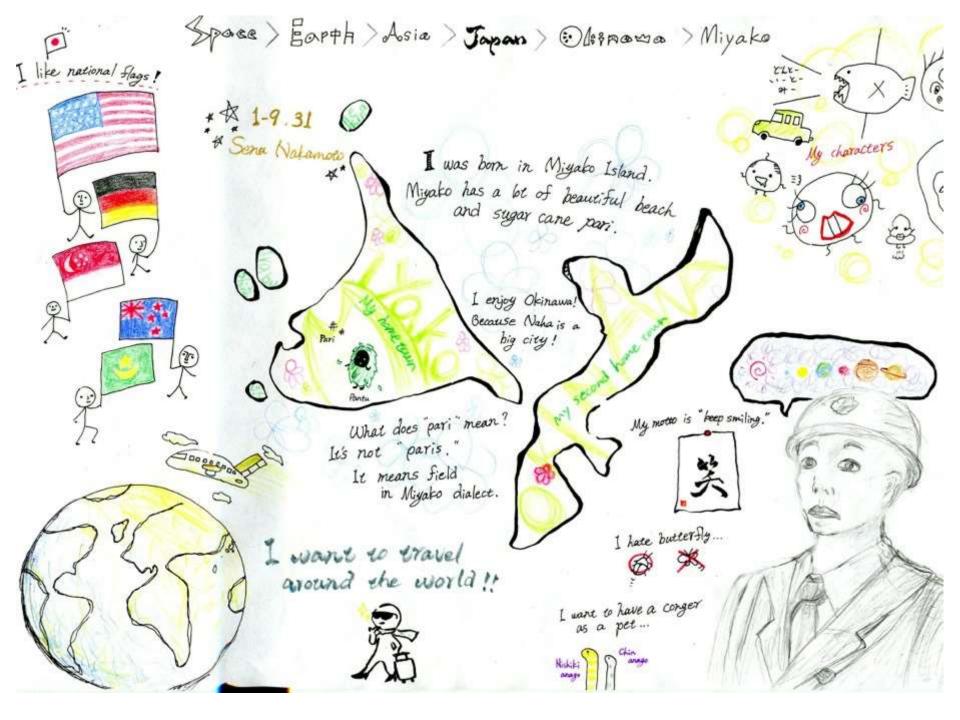
#### Draw a map...

- Of the PLACES that are most important to you.
  - Home, everyday places
  - Places you have lived or visited
  - Places you work, play, have strong memories of
  - Places you want to visit or live in















#### Naha Kokusai's CCU Curriculum

- An English Course requirement
  - 1年生 (Two hours per week)
  - 2年生 (Two hours per week)
    - Model United Nations Conference
  - 2 JTEs and 2 ALTs

- Special Programs
- 1年生 English Camp in summer

#### Infomercials

• Group work: Perform a skit to advertise special Okinawan products.

- Script requirements:
- Introduction of the product
- History of Okinawan product / culture





#### **Infomercial Contest**









## English Camp 2014 Learning English around the World



#### **Environmental Issues**

• Film-viewing: An Inconvenient Truth

• Severn Suzuki's UN Earth Summit Speech (1992)

- Group work: Create a poster
- 1 effect of global warming
- Ways to stop global warming



#### Festivals Around the World

• Group work: Perform a skit to introduce a festival

- Skit requirements:
- Why is this festival held?
- What happened before / during the festival?
- Why is this festival special?

#### Festivals Around the World









#### **Cultural Arts**

• Group work: Perform a cultural art form from another country

- Performance requirements:
- Introduce the country and the art form
- Perform (with videos/music playing in the background)

#### Food and Culture

#### Cultural Masterchef Competition

- Group work: Create a cultural-fusion dish
- Choose a famous dish from another culture and add an Okinawan / Japanese twist to the dish.



# Competition Rules

- You can prepare some parts of the dish at home. (E.g. Deep fried fish, roasted chicken...)
- You have only 40 minutes to create the dish in class.
- Do not try crazy / messy cooking techniques!
- Safety is most important!
- Create cheap, simple and yummy dishes!



## Master Chef - Third Place



# Mapo Tofu Soba



# Master Chef – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



# Japanese Quiche



# 2-9 Master Chef – Champion



# Taco Rice Spring Rolls



#### **Animal Conference**

#### Part 1: Endangered Animal Presentation

 Make a presentation about an endangered animal (Habitat, diet, population and etc.)

#### Part 2: Animal Conference

- Why does your animal need the most help?
- Your speech must include:
- Problems
- What kind of problems are you facing?
- Solutions
- What are some possible solutions?
- How can others help you?



## United Nations Unit

#### **Main Activities**

1. Introduction to United Nations

2. Film-viewing: Hotel Rwanda

3. Millennium Development Goals

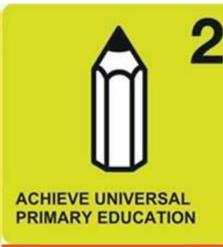






# Millennium Development Goals

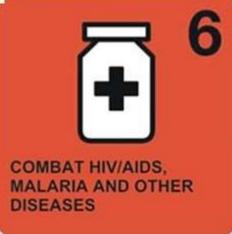
















# Planning for the Model United Conference

- The class will vote for an issue (one of the millennium development goals).
- Each group will select a country (find out about the country's profile)
- Write a position paper!
- Present position paper for 2/3 minutes.

# Position Paper

#### **Position**

- How does it affect your country?
- Which aspects of the issue are most important to your country?
- Are there evidence or statistics that might help to support your country's position?
- If your country is not involved with the issue, how can it be involved?
- How do the positions of other countries affect your country's position?

#### **Proposed Solutions**

- What has your country done to solve the problem?
- What can your country do to solve the problem?
- What kind of solutions do you propose?
- How can your country help the other countries?

#### Model United Conference



### Model UN Conference (Schedule)

#### Day 1 (Speech Presentation)

- All countries present their position paper.
- All countries take notes to prepare for Day 2.

#### Day 2 (Question and answer)

• Each country has 5 minutes to ask questions to any countries about their speech.

#### Day 3 (Conclusion and reflection)

- The class vote for solutions / resolutions
- Reflection

# Model UN Conference Day 1 Discussion and Notes

| No. | Delegates     | Countries | Notes               |
|-----|---------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1.  | Leo<br>Nanase | Brazil    | Position:           |
|     |               |           | Proposed solutions: |
|     |               |           |                     |

# Model UN Conference Day 2 Question and Answer

| No. | Delegates     | Countries | Questions   |
|-----|---------------|-----------|---|
| 1.  | Leo<br>Nanase | Brazil    | <ul> <li>What is your country doing to solve the climate change problem? (Argentina)</li> <li>You are rapidly losing your forest area. Why don't you do something to increase the area of forest coverage in Brazil? (China)</li> <li>How can different countries work together to solve the problems (China)?</li> </ul> |

#### Students' Reflection

- What proposals (solutions) would you recommend that will solve the problem of climate change?
- How have your ideas of climate change changed since the beginning of the United Nations lessons?
- What have you learnt from this series of United Nations lessons (E.g. Millennium Development Goals, Model United Nations Conference and etc...)?

#### Oroku

- Mid-Low Level School
- An English Course requirement
  - − 1年生 − One hour per week
  - 2年生 One hour per week
  - 3年生 Two hours per week
  - 2 JTEs and 1 ALT
- Content I will discuss...
  - Student-based projects
  - Textbook-based lessons
  - Real-world materials

# Student-Based Projects

- Students focus on skill development:
  - Mental Maps/Brainstorming
  - Personal Vocabulary Lists
  - Outlining
  - Writing
- Students learn about themselves and one another, practice self expression in English



- My kanji is "ran", which means orchid.
- I think my parents chose my name because my grand mother likes orchids.
- I like my name because I like to run.

# Kanji Name Project

# ひなの

- I am named "Hinano" after my mother.
- •My mother's name is Ayano.
- •She likes the letter "no", so she used "no" in my name.

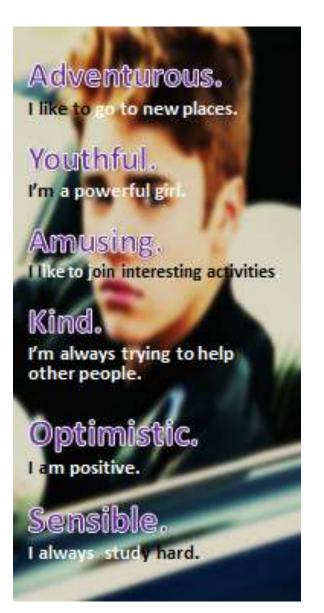
# 音目



- The first kanji means "Dragon".
- The second kanji means "Believing someone".
- My parents named this name because they wanted me to become a person who is strong like a dragon and become a person who is kind and who can believe others.
- ✓ I like this name because it's my name.



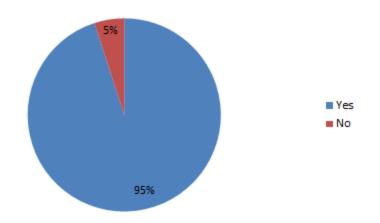




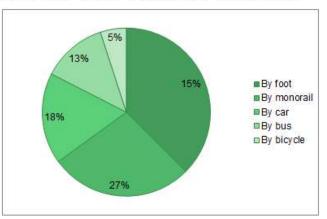
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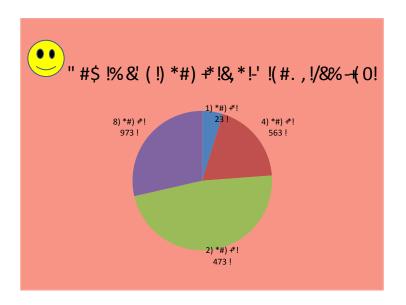
# Classmate Research Project

#### Do you like your family?



#### HOW DO YOU COME TO SCHOOL?



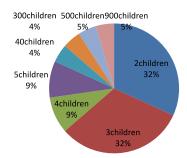


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#### How many children do you want?



## RESULTS

• This chart shows that most students want more than two children.

• 14% of students want to have more than 100 children.





# Autobiography Project

- Write 100 words,
- Starting with I am...

- 1. Mind Map
- 2. Word List
- 3. Write!

| Autobiography Chapter [ ]  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Write about one of your identities in at least 100 words. What experiences, personal qualities, likes/dislikes, and so on, do you have in this role? |  |  |  |  |  |
| Before you write, please make notes or a mind map on the back of this paper, and list any words that wou looked up in the dictionary.                |  |  |  |  |  |
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#### General Reflections

- Encourage students to think, research, write, and present about what they CARE about
- Depending on student level, they may or may not be comfortable with writing on their own.
- Adapt to student levels. Leave projects openended so advanced students have a chance to grow.
- ALTs can efficiently grade student writing

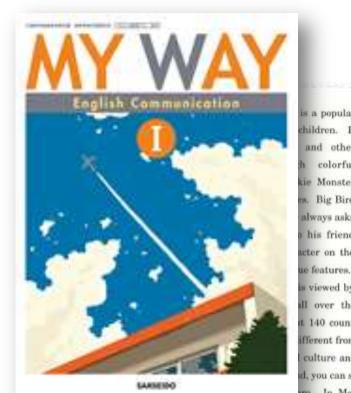
# The power of self-examination

- If students see the diversity of opinions within their class,
  - they will be able to better understand the diversity among people in other places, and resist thinking of entire, continents, countries, cultures as homogenous groups.
- Hopefully, they will seek out their **own understanding** through study, travel, and interaction in English.

#### Textbook – Based Lessons

- Students **engage more deeply** with materials they are familiar with.
- Build critical reasoning skills
- Form their own opinions about complex topics
- Structured discussion and debate exercises

# Sesame Street Reading



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seerful, brave girl. Children around the world enjoy wir own version of Sesame Street.

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- 2. If it ( will rain / raine ) tomorrow, the festival will be canceled.
- 3. I will teach you, if you ( won't / don't ) understand.

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Reading Skill

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2. In how many countries is Sesame Street broadcast?

3. Do children in the world see the same version of Sesame Street?

# Big Bird in Japan

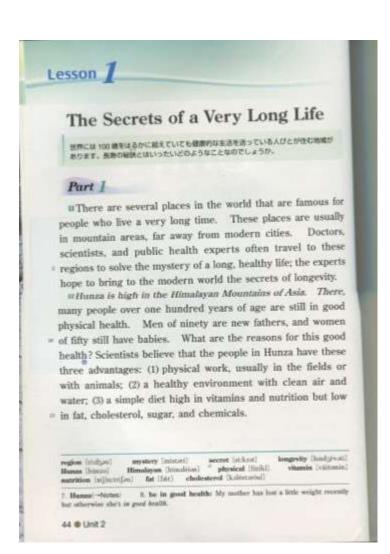
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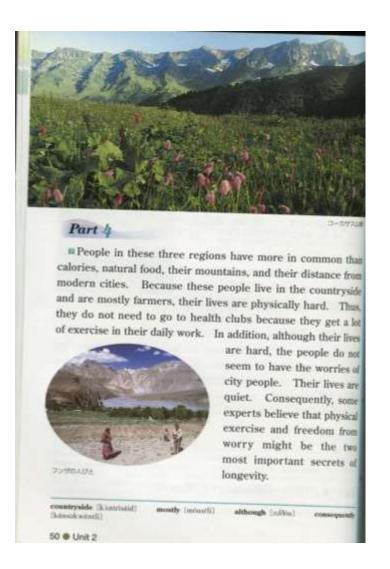


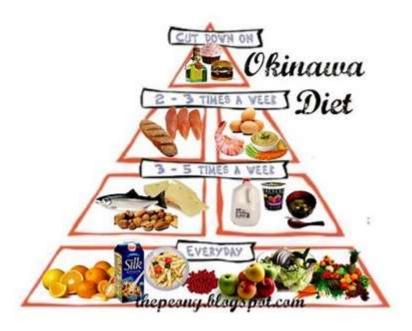




# The Secrets of a Very Long Life

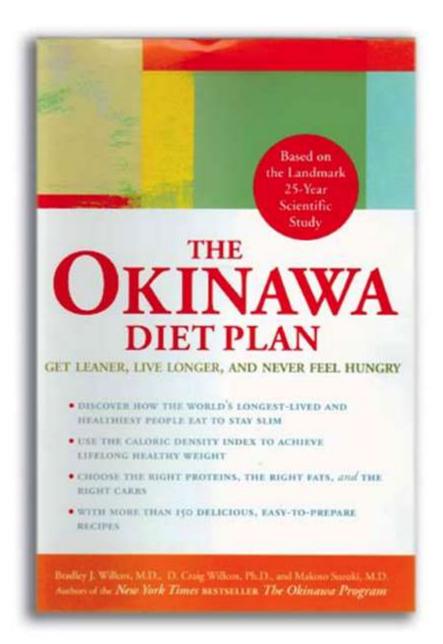




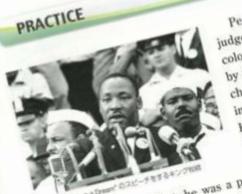


#### What is Okinawa famous for?

- Shisa, Goya, Sanshin
- · Shuri Castle, Okinawa Soba, Beni-imo tart
- Goya, Umi-budo (sea grapes), Taco Rice
- · Okinawa Dialect, Beautiful Beach, Peanut Tofu
- · Eisa, Okinawan Dance, Goya Champuru
- · American Military Base, Bingata, Karate
- · Churaumi Aquarium, Brown Sugar, Chinsuko
- · Osprey, Ishigaki Salt, Okinawan Roofs
- · Miyako Island, Yaeyama Island, Yonaguni Island
- · Awamori, Shiquasa, Hibiscus, Blue Seal

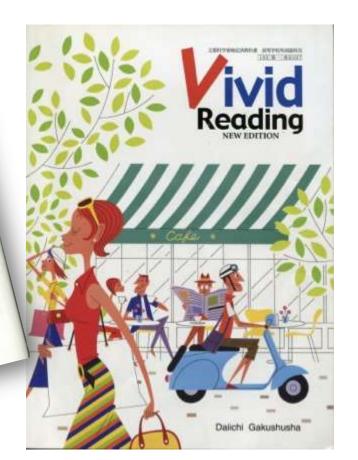


# Martin Luther King Jr.



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It is 1950 in the American South.
You are African American.



You must always sit in the back of the bus. You must stand if there are not enough seats for whites.



If you want to buy a house, you probably will not be able to get a loan.

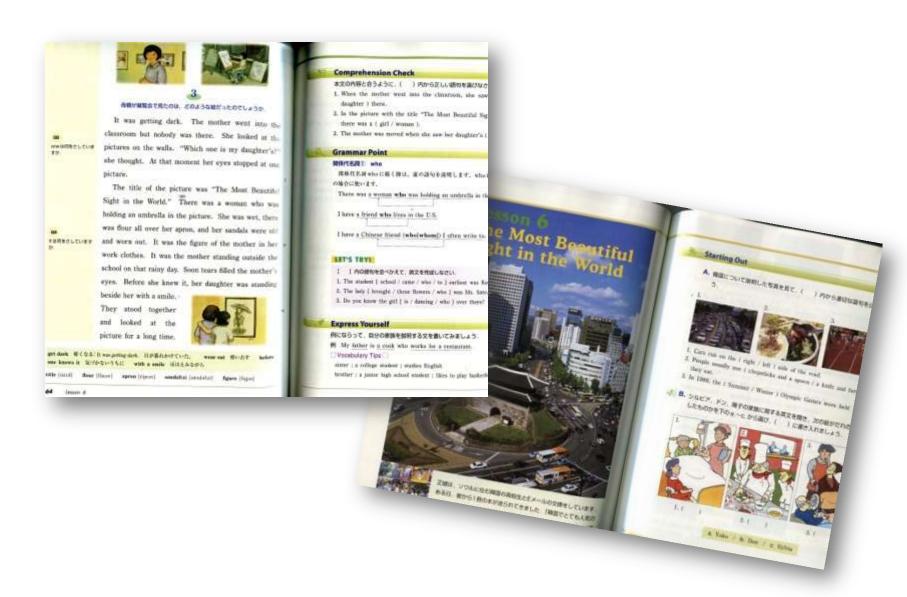




You are not allowed to eat at many restaurants in your community, and are not allowed in many public spaces.



# The Most Beautiful Sight in the World



# What is Beauty?

#### In the United States

· Average Woman

5'4 (162.5 cm) and 140 pounds (63.5 kg)

Average Fashion Model

5'11 (180.34 cm) and 115 pounds (52.16 kg)

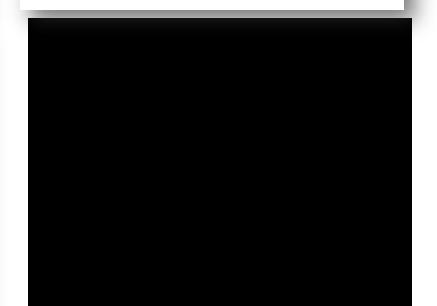
Fashion models are thinner than 98% of American women.

In Thailand and Burma, a long neck is a sign of beauty. Heavy rings are placed around women's necks from when they are 2 to 5 years old.

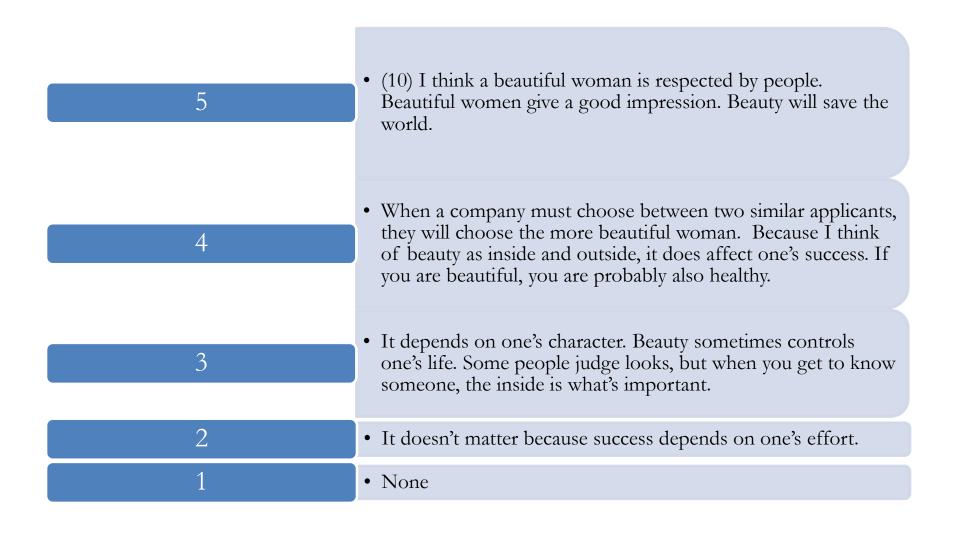


The Maori people of New Zealand wear sacred face tattoos.





# Does beauty affect one's success in life?



# A Plastic that Returns to the Earth



# Corn Products

#### Ethanol Gasoline: Pro and Con

- Corn is renewable
- More jobs for farmers
- · Less oil from abroad
- Lower efficiency
- · Less land to grow food
- Corn production uses oil

#### **HFCS: Pro and Con**

- Cheaper
- · Longer shelf life
- More profit for companies



- Higher body fat
- Higher cholesterol



# FOOD OR FUEL?

Nearly a billion people will go hungry tonight, yet this year the U.S. will turn nearly 5 billion bushels of corn into ethanol. That's enough food to feed 412 million people for an entire year.



#### Corn – Fed Beef: Pro and Con

- Less Expensive
- Extra fat (Better taste)



- Confined feeding
- Pollution from cow waste
- Less healthy meat



# Plastic Pollution

Name Date Number - -

#### All about Plastics

| 1.  | How often do you use disposable plastics? (Bags, bottles, bento containers, etc.)  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2.  | Do you re-use plastic bags?  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.  | Globally, plastic bags are used every year.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.  | More than bags are used every minute.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.  | People usually use plastic bags for about minutes.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.  | Americans use plastic bottles every hour.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.  | of the world's oil is used to produce and manufacture plastic.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8.  | That is more than the oil consumed by the entire continent.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9.  | For every 1 billion plastic bags produced, tons of plastic is used and tons of CO2 is produced.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ca  | otain Charles Moore on Plastic Waste   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. | 10. <b>Throwaway</b> plastics take a lot of space and don't <b>biodegrade</b> . Only humans make waste that nature can't <b>digest</b> . |  |  |  |  |  |
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|     | (イ) Biodegrade   |  |  |  |  |  |
|     | (ウ) Digest   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11. | Japan recycled of PET bottles in 2010, compared with in Europe and   |  |  |  |  |  |
|     | in the US.   |  |  |  |  |  |

12. Answer in 1-2 sentences: Should plastic bags be banned? Why or why not?

#### Should plastic bags be banned?



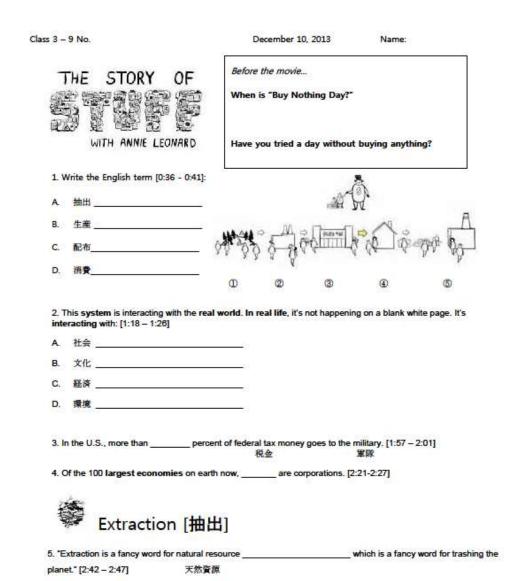
#### Facts about PLASTIC

- Globally, 500 billion plastic bags are used every year.
- More than one million bags are used every minute.
- People usually use plastic bags for about 15 minutes.
- Americans use 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour.



# The Story of Stuff

- 25 min animated documentary about global overconsumption and resource extraction
- Japanese subtitles available on YouTube



#### Dear XX,

I want to go out with you!

We have known each other for so long,

we like all the same things,

and we are both kind hearted, so we would never betray one another.

I couldn't live to see you with anyone else.

You might think that I'm just crazy but I promise, I have thought about time.

Or maybe you are worried about future.

You must admit that we won't keep Please don't leave me alone for Yours truly,

# Easy Debate and Persuasive Writing

### Argument

- In my opinion...
- I think that...
- · I feel that...
- I believe that.
- It seems to me that...

#### Rebuttal

- · Yes, but...
- Well, you have a point there but...
- Perhaps, but don't you think that...



## Real World Materials

- Students able to **experience** cultural difference (in small ways) in the classroom.
- Students can **observe** real-life stories through media and develop critical eyes.

# High School Exchange

- Kubasaki High School Visit
  - High School Differences
  - Letter to exchange partner
- Shuri H.S. exchange w/Kadena
  - Chorus performances
- Ideas for more formal exchange program?
- Right now, contingent on specific relationship/contact

# 100 person village activity - JICA



• Too much Nutrition 14%



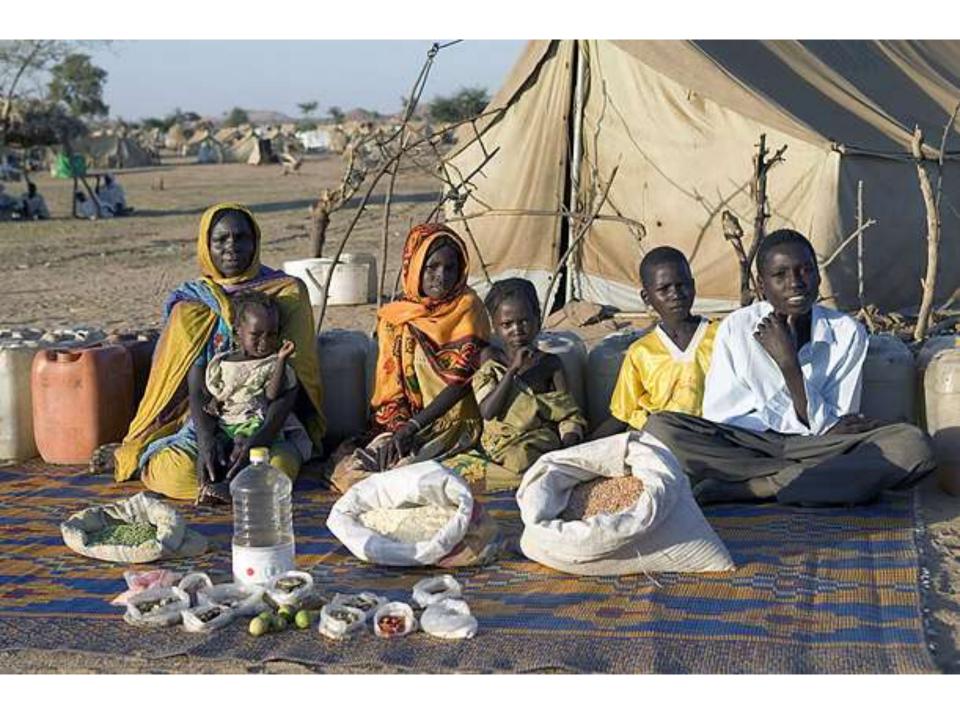
Sufficient nutrition 7 2 %



• Lack of nutrition 13%



• Starving to death 1 %



# Chad

The Aboubakar family of Breidjing Camp like to eat soup with fresh sheep meat. They spend 685 CFA Francs (\$1.23) per week on food.

Peter Menzel — What the World Eats



# Mexico

The Casales family lives in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Their favorite foods are pizza crab, pasta, and chicken. They spend 1,862.78 pesos (\$189.09) on food each week.

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# Japan

The Ukita family lives in Kodaira City, Japan. They like to eat sashimi, fruit, cake, and potato chips. Every week they spend 37,699 Yen (\$317.25) on food.

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#### Dinner in Okinawa

 Usually I buy groceries, cook dinner, and eat at my apartment alone. Sometimes I go out to dinner with friends.





#### Dinner in California

- At my co-op, I usually ate dinner with about 20 housemates.
- Two of us cooked dinner for everyone each night.







#### **Your Turn**

- 1. Where do you eat?
  - I usually eat dinner [at home, at school, at a restaurant, etc.]
- 2. Who do you eat with?
  - I usually eat dinner with [ friends, family, etc. ].
  - OR I usually eat dinner alone.

#### **Taco Rice**



#### **MAMI**

#### **Ingredients**

Rice • ground beef • lettuce • cheese • Tabasco • Tomato
 (100g) (50g) (30g) (10g) (a little) (a little)

#### **Cooking Instructions**

- 1. Sauté ground beef frying pan for ten minutes with oil & spices.
- 2. Cut lettuce into small pieces.
- 3. Place rice on the plate.
- 4. Place ground beef, lettuce, and cheese on the rice.
- 5. Microwave for thirty seconds.
- 6. Finally, sprinkle cheese with tabasco.





#### The reason

This is an Okinawan original food!!

I chose this recipe because I like spicy food.

#### POTATO WITH BUTTER

By Nanami.K



#### Ingredients

Potato (1), Butter (a spoon of butter),

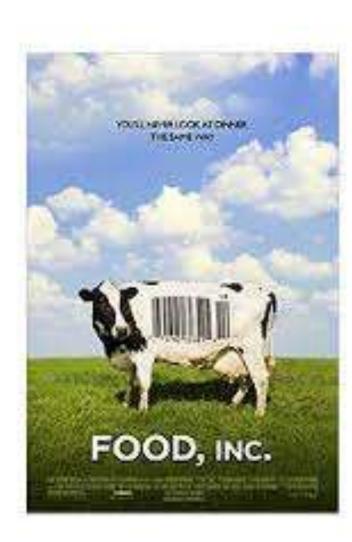
Salt (a little), Pepper (a little)

#### Cooking Instructions

- 1. Wash the potato
- 2. Wrap the potato in saran wrap
- $3.\,\mathrm{Heat}$  up potato in a microwave oven for 5 minutes
- 4. Cut the potato in quarters
- 5. Garnish the potato with butter
- $6.\,\mathrm{Sprinkle}$  salt and pepper on the potato.

This is my original food!

I chose this recipe because it is delicious!!!!



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#### FOOD INC.: A Cornucopia of Choices

What corn product did you learn about last year?

Cornucopia means ...

| 1  | [0:48 - 1:00] | When you go through the supermarket, what looks like this cornucopia of  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| •  | [0.10 1.00]   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2  | 1:00 – 1:12   | andis not.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3  | 1:24 – 1:36   | What is most industrial food made from?  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4  | 1:30 – 1:36   | 100 years ago, a farmer could grow bushels of corn in an acre.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    |               | Today, bushels is no problem.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5  | 1:55 – 2:00   | percent of the American land base is being planted to corn.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6  | 2:00 -2:15    | Because of government policy, farmers are paid to corn.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7  | 2:12 – 2:36   | How do companies like Cargill, Monsanto, and Tyson change farm policy?   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8  | 2:40 - 2:48   | The codifies the rules of the entire food economy.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9  | 2:48 - 3:00   | We encourage farmers to get and  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | 3:12 – 3:15   | We are now our foods.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | 3:36 - 3:48   | I bet that 90 percent of food in the supermarket contains a or   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    |               | ingredient.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | 3:48 – 4:12   | Many products are made from corn. Which one(s) surprised you?  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | 4:12 – 4:48   | What are included and for all and the second and th |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | 4.12 - 4.46   | What animals do we feed corn to? Write at least three.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | 4:48 - 5:00   | The average American is eating over pounds of meat per person per year.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | 5:36 – 5:48   | What does CAFO mean?   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | 5:36 -5:48    | Cows are designed by evolution to eat  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | 5:48 - 6:00   | The only reason why we feed cows corn is because corn is and   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    |               | it makes them quickly.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | 6:00 – 6: 12  | Where is he putting his hand?  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | 6:36 -7:00    | A high corn diet results in E.Coli (bacteria) that are [ more / less] harmful.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | 7:12 – 7:48   | How does manure get into the meat?   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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# Carbon Footprint and Climate Change

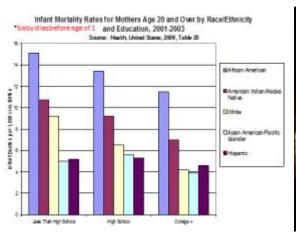
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# Environmental Justice and Health

- US low birth weight and race
- Marshall islands nuclear testing
- Defoliants and life expectancy in Okinawa



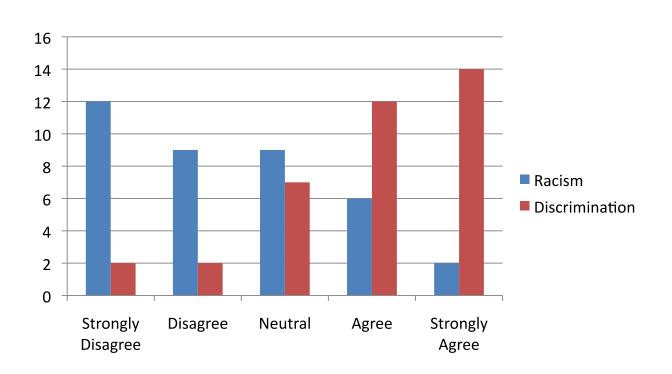




# Racism and Discrimination

# Is there racism and discrimination in Japan?

## Is there \* in Japan ?

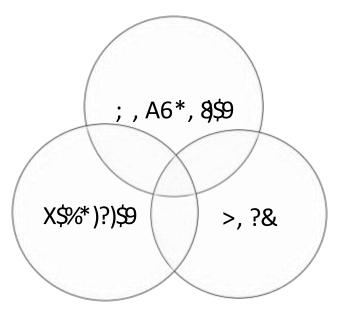


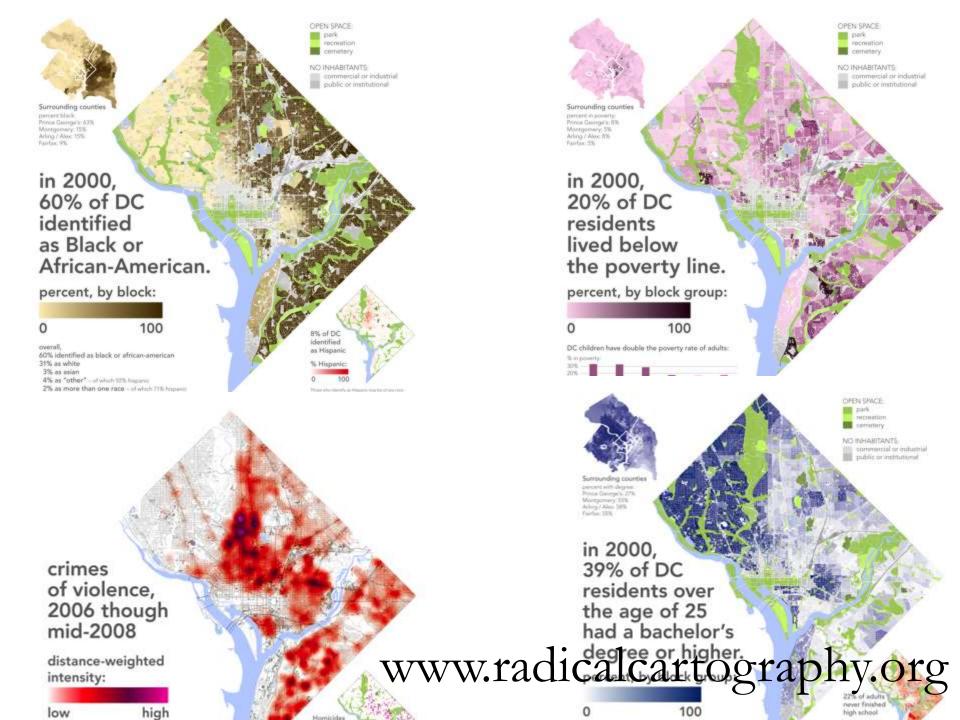
#### Who is discriminated against?

- Homeless people
- Gays
- Between men and women
- Handicapped/Disabled
- Fat people
- Otaku
- Figure collectors
- Okinawan people
- People with glasses
- Koreans/Korean-Japanese

#### What is Race, exactly?

 Race is a classification system used to categorize <u>humans</u> into large and distinct <u>populations</u> or <u>groups</u> by <u>anatomical</u>, <u>c</u> <u>ultural</u>, <u>ethnic</u>, <u>genetic</u>, <u>geographical</u>, historical, <u>linguistic</u>, <u>religious</u>, B % \$#)"#@9#)C&\* A\$9#.





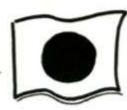
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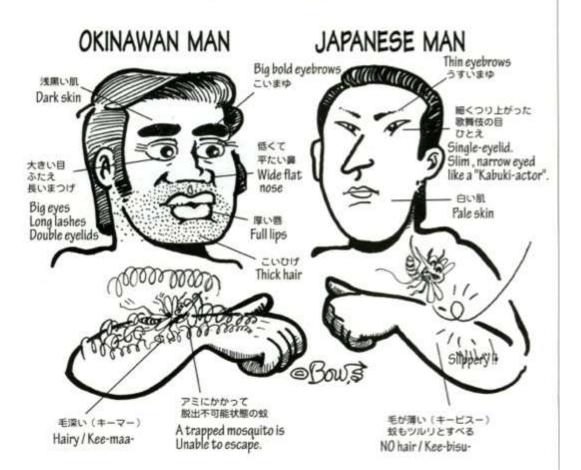




## がかりを と からか

沖縄の人々は、日本本土のことを「ないち」と呼び そこに住んでいる人々を総称して「ナイチャー」と いう。また、地元沖縄のことを「ウチナー」と呼び、 そこに住む人々を「ウチナーンチュ」あるいは「シ マー」とよぶ。その呼び方は、決して軽蔑や、差別 をこめた呼び方ではないが、よく間違われる。





#### OKINAWAN & MAINLAND JAPANESE MEN

Okinawans call the mainland japan" NAICHI" and the people who live in the mainland "NAICHA-" . The locals call okinawa "UCHINA-", and the local people "UCHINAHNCHU" or "SHIMA-" . Some times , people misunderstand this and think that this is racism but it is not so.

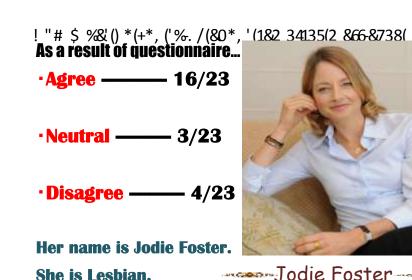
# Discrimination Research

LGBT, Half/Mixed Japanese, Eyes, Gender, Class, Nazism, Disability...

# **Plastic Surgery**

(形成手術)





Real – World Materials

Textbook – Based Lessons

Student – Centered Projects



# Critical Thinking

Self Awareness

# **SCALE**

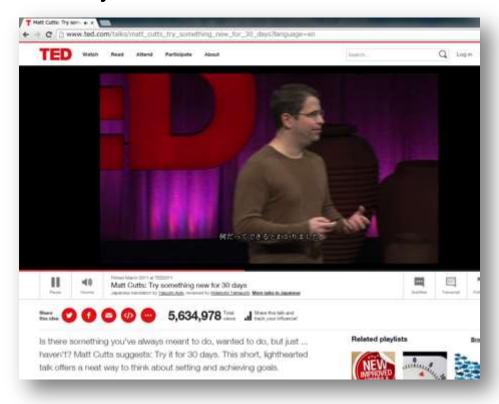
| SPATIAL<br>SCALE               | Example: FOOD                               | Example: Discrimination               | MENTAL SCALE                 | CONTENT<br>SCALE        |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| GLOBAL                         | Food in the World Food, Inc.                | Discrimination<br>Research            | CROSS CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING | Real-World<br>Materials |
| NATIONAL<br>LOCAL<br>(OKINAWA) | Okinawa<br>Longevity<br>Okinawan<br>Recipes | Martin Luther King                    | CRITICAL<br>THINKING         | Textbook-<br>Based      |
| PERSONAL                       | Emma's Adventures in Eating Everyday Food   | What is my identity? Beauty If I were | SELF AWARENESS               | Student Project         |

# More Things to Consider...

- How can you re-approach textbook topics from a cross-cultural perspective?
- What issues are you passionate and knowledgeable about (or willing to research)?

# Language Learning Habits

- New Year's Resolution
- My 30 DAY HABIT



http://www.ted.com/talks/matt\_cutts\_tr y\_something\_new\_for\_30\_days?language =en

# Choosing Content: Some Pitfalls

- Pancake-ing other countries, peoples and cultures
- Understanding Cultural Stereotypes = Understanding Cultural Differences ??!?
- 'Us' and 'Them' language; We need to self-check!
- Striving for agreement and homogeneous opinion in class

# Thanks for being part of the cross-cultural journey...

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