

Core Skills Analysis

Discussing Differences between Americans and Japanese Culture

- The student learned about cultural differences in communication styles, such as assertiveness in American culture and indirectness in Japanese culture.
- They gained an understanding of the importance of respect for authority in Japanese culture compared to the emphasis on individualism in American culture.
- The activity helped the student appreciate the value of punctuality in Japanese culture and the flexibility in schedules in American culture.
- They were exposed to the concept of harmony in Japanese culture and the focus on competition in American culture.

Tips

For continued development after the activity, encourage the student to engage in cross-cultural dialogues with peers from different backgrounds. Encourage them to explore various aspects of culture such as food, traditions, and holidays through interactive activities like cooking classes, cultural festivals, and virtual tours. Encouraging them to keep a journal to reflect on their learnings and experiences can also deepen their understanding of different cultures.

Book Recommendations

- [A Japanese-American Journey](#) by Sarah Granger: Follow the story of two 12-year-olds, one American and one Japanese, as they navigate the cultural differences between their two worlds.
- [Culture Shock: A Guide to Customs and Etiquette - Japan](#) by P. Sean Bramble: A comprehensive guide for young readers to understand the etiquette and customs of Japanese culture, allowing for smoother cross-cultural interactions.
- [American Culture Through Japanese Eyes](#) by Yuki Ishikawa: Experience American culture from a Japanese perspective through the eyes of a young protagonist, highlighting both the similarities and differences between the two cultures.