

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will have a better understanding of Japan and its culture.

Materials and Prep

- Pen and paper
- Access to a computer or smartphone
- Optional: Books or resources about Japan

Activities

1. Create a Japanese Flag

Using your pen and paper, draw and color the Japanese flag. Research what the flag looks like and try to replicate it as accurately as possible.

2. Learn Basic Japanese Phrases

Use your computer or smartphone to find some basic Japanese phrases. Practice saying them out loud and try to memorize a few. For example, you can learn how to say "hello" (konnichiwa) or "thank you" (arigatou).

3. Explore Japanese Food

Research popular Japanese dishes such as sushi, ramen, or tempura. Write down the names and descriptions of the dishes you find interesting. If possible, try making a simple Japanese recipe at home.

4. Create Origami Art

Learn how to make origami by following online tutorials or using a book. Start with simple designs like a paper crane or a frog. Practice until you feel confident in your origami skills.

Talking Points

- Japan is an island country located in East Asia. It is known for its rich culture, technology, and beautiful landscapes.
- The Japanese flag is a simple design consisting of a red circle on a white background. It represents the sun.
- Japanese is the official language of Japan. It has a unique writing system consisting of three scripts: hiragana, katakana, and kanji.
- Japanese cuisine is diverse and delicious. Sushi, ramen, and tempura are some popular dishes enjoyed by people all over the world.

- Origami is the art of paper folding. It originated in Japan and has become a popular craft around the world. It requires patience and precision.