

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to understand the basic structure of the Japanese government and the rights and responsibilities of Japanese citizens.

Materials and Prep

- Internet access
- Pen and paper
- Printed copies of the Japanese Constitution (can be found online)

Activities

1. Research the Japanese Government

Using the internet, research and find information about the structure of the Japanese government. Take notes on the different branches and levels of government.

2. Explore the Japanese Constitution

Print out a copy of the Japanese Constitution or access it online. Read through the Constitution and highlight or underline important sections related to the rights and responsibilities of Japanese citizens.

3. Create a Comparison Chart

Create a chart that compares the Japanese government structure to the government structure in the student's own country. Include similarities and differences in the branches, levels, and powers of government.

4. Reflect and Discuss

Write a short reflection on the importance of understanding the government and being an informed citizen. Discuss the reflection with a parent or guardian.

Sixth Grade Talking Points

- "In Japan, the government is made up of different branches, just like in our own country. These branches have different roles and responsibilities."
- "The Japanese Constitution is a document that outlines the rights and responsibilities of Japanese citizens. It is an important document that helps protect the rights of the people."
- "Comparing the government structure of different countries helps us understand how different societies are organized and governed."
- "Understanding the government and being an informed citizen is important because it allows us to participate in the decision-making process and have a voice in how our country is run."