

## Expedition: Ancient Japan

Timeline: 8 weeks

Grade: 7th

### Guiding Questions:

- How did Japan's physical geography influence its development and its culture?
- How was Ancient Japan isolated from and impacted by other Asian countries?
- What is the significance of Ancient Japanese culture and customs?
- How has Japanese culture impacted the Dominican Republic?

### Learning Targets:

- Students will understand the pros and cons of an isolated island country.
- Students will recognize the Japanese values that shaped and preserved their distinct culture.
- Students will be able to describe the practice and importance of an individually researched Japanese tradition or custom.
- Students will be able to reproduce Japanese origami and haikus.
- Students will be able to identify the impact Japan has made on the Dominican Republic.

Week	Language	Math	Science	Social Studies	Art/Music	Spanish	Biblical Int.
1	Memoirs Intro			BBK- Ancient Japan			
2			Volcanoes, Ring of Fire, Weather Affecting Japan	Origami		Japanese Immigration to DR	
3	Memoir Writing			Research Japanese Culture/Traditions		Japanese Influence in DR	
4				Geography of Japan- Phys. Geo & Isolation			Comparing Religions in Japan
5	Poetry Intro			Religions of Japan; Research Presentations			
6				Compare/Contrast Japan & DR; Research Revisions			
7	Haiku			Plan Centers & Décor for Exped. Night			
8	Final Haikus						

### Products:

- Teaching centers over aspects of Japanese culture
- Decorated Japanese museum
- Haikus
- Essay over Japanese in the Dominican Republic

### Service Projects:

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