I think I’m Turning Japanese

Japanese Unique Culture Project

Modern Japanese culture is very interesting, especially to Western observers, many of whom immediately think of sushi, sumo wrestling, and samurai when they think of Japan. While these three things are very much part of Japanese culture and history, they only scratch the surface of this country and its people. At first glance, Japan appears to be a land of conflict, embracing its ancient past, while at the same time spearheading almost frighteningly futuristic technology, roughly the size of California, this interesting country, as well as its 130 million inhabitants, refuses to lose its cultural identity among the din of smart phones and bullet trains.

Choose one of the following uniquely Japanese cultural phenomenon and prepare a 3 minute presentation for the class. Tell us about it – give some history – why is it unique to japan? - show it to us – give us 3-5 fun facts!

Sumo Wrestling Sushi Samurai

Ninja Green Tea Japanese writing

Baseball Vending machines Soup slurping and other food

Anime Losing Face Education Stress

Getting older Table manners Robotic (3D) parking Garages

Video Games Pachinko Super Toilets/floor toilets

Capsule Motels Kabuki Theatre Origami

Kendo Japanese Drumming Kimono

Gardening Calligraphy art Yurukyara (Mascots)

Bullet trains (maglev) Other? (check first)

Present to the class!