

Hello!  
Welcome to a presentation on  
American culture and the  
environment!!

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My hometown(where I grew up)-Marilla, New  
York State, in the northeastern United States



Marilla is a very small town. The closest city is **Buffalo**.  
Buffalo is famous for a **few things**. Can you identify  
what is in these pictures?

1.



2.



3.



4.



Answers!

- 1. Chicken wings (also called Buffalo wings)**-very popular food in America, first created and served in a Buffalo restaurant
- 2. Niagara Falls**-three connected waterfalls near Buffalo
- 3. Snow**-Buffalo gets a lot of snow in the winter, a famous snow storm was the **Blizzard of 1977**
- 4. Buffalo Bills**-official logo (symbol) for Buffalo's National Football League (NFL) American football team

Hometown-the place (village, city, or town)  
where you grew up

1.What is your name?

2.What is your hometown?

3.Can you please tell us one fact about  
your hometown? (weather, food, sports  
teams, etc.)

**Let's talk about Japan and America!!**

Enemies and then friends throughout the years



Japan and the U.S. were **enemies** during WWII.

Increasing **globalization** since WWII has made both countries closer.

As a result, Americans and Japanese people know a lot about each other's **history, culture, and entertainment**.



### What is globalization?

Globalization- Countries growing closer together through trade, entertainment, media, and other ways.

Global-worldwide



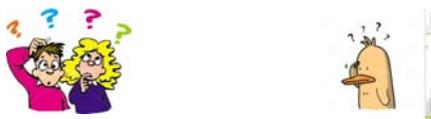
These are only a **few** of the well known Japanese TV shows, movies, and characters in America. Do you know the English version of each title?



What are some popular American TV shows, movies, and characters in Japan?



What do YOU think are some of the most common Japanese words Americans know(think clothing, food, history, etc.)?



These are just a FEW of the many Japanese words that are very well known in American English.



manga



karaoke



emoji



ninja



origami

Here are some very common Japanese words that come from America or other English speaking countries. I will give you the katakana. Can you give the English word?

1. アパート-apato-
2. コンピューター-konpyuta-
3. フロントガラス-furunto garasu-
4. サンドイッチ or サンド-sandoitchi, sando-

Are there any other Japanese words that come from English speaking countries?

Please keep in mind **stereotypes**.

**Stereotype**-a widely held belief about a group of people that is too simple and not true of **all** people in the group, may be negative or positive

Are these sentences true?

*All Americans are fat.*

*All Chinese people are good at math.*

What do YOU think are some ways Americans would describe Japanese people?



What do you think of some these (many of them stereotypes) beliefs?

- Japanese people wear kimonos.
- Japanese people eat a lot of sushi.
- Japanese people are very smart.
- Japanese people are very hardworking. Maybe they work too much.
- Japanese people are very strict.
- Japanese people are very polite.



What are some ways you would describe Americans?



What do you think of these beliefs people from other countries have of Americans?

- Americans are fat.
- Americans are loud and maybe even rude.
- Americans are very friendly.
- Americans mostly eat hamburgers and French fries.
- Americans are lazy workers and students.
- Americans are open to new ideas and cultures.



Let's talk about nature preserves (parks)!!



Here are some important vocabulary words.

**Nature**-things we find that are NOT people or made by people like trees, plants, animals, water, air, and land

*There are many beautiful flowers in **nature**.*

**Preserve**-to protect something like land and animals so that it can be used and appreciated in the future

*We should **preserve** our land so our children can enjoy it.*

**Nature preserve (also called nature reserves and parks)**-a large area of land set aside to protect the natural world with few or no buildings or people living there (think of a park in the city, but often really, really large)

*A famous **nature preserve** in Japan is Nikko National Park.*

**Resources**-anything people can use in their lives, especially things in nature like water, wood, and plants

*One **resource** found in nature is wood we get from trees.*



Some nature preserves in my region

Niagara Falls State Park



Adirondack Mountains



What are some nature preserves in Aichi prefecture and the rest of Japan?

Have you ever been to a nature preserve? If so, did you enjoy it?

What can people do in nature preserves?



Why do we create nature preserves?



Purposes

- **Recreation**-camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, picture taking
- **Pride**-important to a nation's history and culture
- **Science**-studying animals, plants, and geology
- **Endangered (might disappear) wildlife**-protect endangered animals and plants that might otherwise die
- **Resources**-save and carefully use resources like trees, oil, and minerals

Running nature preserves anywhere can be difficult.

The wishes of people to enjoy nature and use resources must be balanced with preserving plants, animals, the land, and resources for future generations.

What are some specific issues people face in running nature preserves and parks?



### **Overcrowding**

Huge crowds cause traffic jams and wear down trails, roads, and buildings at nature preserves.

*"In 2016, and 2017, the national parks in the U.S. saw an unprecedented 330.9 million visitors, the highest ever recorded."-The Guardian*



### **Invasion of outside animals and plants**

Animals and plants brought into preserves from other areas can hurt the animals and plants that first lived there.



*Raccoons are from America. Some Japanese people bought them as pets, and let them go into forests when they got tired of them. Raccoons in Japan have been damaging buildings, eating crops, and eating birds' eggs.*

### **The need to use valuable resources**

Some nature preserves have resources people need. Some people want to use them. Other people argue using these resources will hurt the land, animals, and plants in the preserves.



*Americans have argued for over forty years whether to drill for the millions of barrels of oil and natural gas estimated to be in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.*

### **Japanese nature preserves**

Do Japanese parks have similar issues?  
Do Japanese parks have any different issues?

Thank you for participating in the presentation!!

-Nick Richter