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Cultural Practices

• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGDlfex268Q

Video describing how to use chopsticks

• http://www.benri.com/calendar/list.html

Calendar for converting the date based on the imperial era

http://iroha-japan.net/

Encyclopedia of Japanese culture

http://www.jnto.go.jp/sakura/chs/index.php?Cl=1

Map of locations of blooming cherry blossoms with rankings of most impressive displays

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVQUaBuPO24-

Video describing the materials and process for creating beautiful brush calligraphy

Demographics

Age, where I live, where I am from, etc.

http://www.stat.go.jp/data/jinsui/new.htm

Population statistics, graphs, etc.

http://www.bowlgraphics.net/tsutagra/03/

Population graph

Literature

Characters, Character Analysis, Gender Issues

• http://www.yumearu-ehon.com/

Short stories, folk tales from Japan

Nationalities

Ethnic Groups

• http://www.frpac.or.jp/together/

Foundation for Research and Promotion of Ainu culture

Stereotypes

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Education School

http://school.gifu-net.ed.jp/ogkhigasi-hs/

Ogaki East High School web page: courses, events, activities, etc.

http://www.schoolnavi-jp.com/sh/sh-index.html

Index of Japanese high schools by region

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http://kanko-edu.jp/

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http://www.hello-school.net/

virtual map of a school

Family Members Family Structure

http://seikatsusoken.jp/wp/wp-

content/uploads/2013/09/0bddac5c23b9993ee7a84bad56f86244.pdf

Statistics, graph, report on the changing Japanese family

http://www.nippon.com/ja/currents/d00095/

Article about the changing structure of Japanese families

http://www.nippon.com/ja/in-depth/a04601/ -

Women in the workplace and the challenges they face

http://www.yumearu-ehon.com/

Children's stories, rhymes, songs

http://news.ameba.jp/image/20150530-410/

Working mothers in Japan, infographic

http://www.nicovideo.jp/watch/sm21556502

Commercial about mother's

Holidays and Celebrations

• http://holidays-calendar.net/2016/calendar_ja/japan_ja.html

Calendar of holidays

http://cal.v-colors.com/?year=2016

Color coded calendar

http://www.kikkoman.co.jp/homecook/college/saiji/hina/

Hina matsuri foods/recipes

http://www.walkerplus.com/event_list/eg0135/

Calendar with links to festivals throughout Japan including descriptions of events, photos, etc.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-

18aCU9VGk&ebc=ANyPxKozXAL7yfDGHZQiYwTJzc4fwWC1V6XSF3m39FM_xfk YvH-

<u>e24M1k3UIKocFDwD4s9KN44V8vwQ3fOud0NHrk6pfRbG6Ag&nohtml5=False</u>

Video: Coming of Age Day Celebration at Meiji Shrine

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgl3mu Xlnw

Video of coming of Age Day Celebrations with subtitles in Japanese

http://www.drwallet.jp/navi/25208/

Infographics comparing Valentine's day and white day

Places in the Community (library, store, etc.)

http://nagoya.mitsukoshi.co.jp/

Mitsukoshi department store directory

http://www.post.japanpost.jp/index.html

Japan postal service site. Sizes and directions for sending international postcards

• http://www.nihontosho.co.jp/index.html

Nihon Tosho Center (Library)

Professions

http://www.alltown-job.com/index.php?FrontPage

Want ads for jobs available in Japan

http://baito.mynavi.jp/tokai/

Part time job search, divided by type, locations. Includes merits for a job.

http://www.castingline.net/disney_jobs/

Jobs at Disney in Japan. The process, requirements, etc.

• http://www.shigotonavi.co.jp/staff/s resume kakikata.asp

Resume writing in Japan

http://hatagra.tumblr.com/ -

Infographics about work schedules for women, favorite office treats, generation gap

Social Relationships

http://news.ameba.jp/image/20150530-410/

Working mothers in Japan, infographic

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uu3iM1azTj4

Commercial about baby's first birthday is also the mother's first birthday.

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3. BEAUTY AND AESTHETICS

Architecture:

Famous Monuments

http://www.the-kyoto.jp/heritage/

UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Kyoto

• http://www.tokyo-skytree.jp/ -

Tokyo sky tree

http://www.todaiji.or.jp/

Todaiji temple and museum

Art

http://www.tobikan.jp/guide/index.html

Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum map and visitor information (hours, contact information)

Artistic Heritage (folk art, crafts)

- http://school.gifu-net.ed.jp/ogkhigasihs/tokkatsu/bukatsu/bukatsudou houkoku/h27/h27 hana koushien.pdf
 High school ikebana
- http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/ja/virtual/origami/index.html
 How to do Origami.

Dance

• http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/ja/meet/index.html
Information on the Arts, music, dance, etc.

Fashion and Design

- http://www.style-arena.jp/
 Street fashion and trends in fashion and design
- https://tokimeki-project.com/article/variety of seifuku
 Describes a variety of student uniform styles
- http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/ja/virtual/kimono/kimono06.html
 Virtual Kimono webpage
- http://www.hana-usagi.net/base/kituke-kimono.htm
 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnTXhauBM84 (video)
 Pieces of the Kimono and how to wear properly

Film

http://nendai-ryuukou.com/movie1.html
 Ranking and descriptions of movies by year

Literature

http://www.yumearu-ehon.com/
 Short stories, folk tales from Japan

Music

http://www.yumearu-ehon.com/
 Children's stories, rhymes, songs

• http://www.mamalisa.com/?p=528&t=ec&c=85

Children's songs

• http://nendai-ryuukou.com/

Music, movies, books, etc.

• http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/ja/virtual/koto/index.html -

Traditional music

Physical Characteristics Personality traits Colors

- http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/ja/archives/cool/index.html Trends in Japan
- http://japanjapanese.net/feature/character.html
 Article about Japanese personality

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4. GLOBAL ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

GEOGRAPHY

http://www.mapion.co.jp/map/japan.html

Map of Japan with links for specific towns, areas of towns, types of establishments (e.g. restaurants)

http://www.hello-school.net/harochiri003.html

Various geographical maps of Japan

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVz3g6vOIF0

Geography Rap about the different parts of Japan

• http://japan-web-magazine.com/japanese/island/index.html
Web magazine with info about islands of Japan

Animals

http://japan-web-magazine.com/japanese/japan-flower-plant-animal-nature/japan-flower-plant-animal-nature-japanese.html#i
 Web magazine with photos and links of animals, plants, nature of Japan

Conservation

http://www.chikyumura.org/environmental/
 Conservation, energy, pollution, etc. PDF files with graphs and explanations, how to become "green"

Countries and Capitals

- http://www.hello-school.net/harochiri003.html
 Various geographical maps of Japan
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVz3g6vOIF0 –
 Geography Rap about the different parts of Japan
- http://japan-web-magazine.com/japanese/island/index.html
 Web magazine with info about islands of Japan

Current Events

http://www3.nhk.or.jp/news/easy/
 Easy news articles in Japanese with furigana and reading of the article by native speaker of Japanese

http://kids.nifty.com/
 News articles etc. for kids

http://www.cnn.co.jp/
 International news in Japan

- http://www.newsweekjapan.jp/headlines/
 World events
- http://www.nifty.com/?top21
 News, weather, shopping,

Economic Issues

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Education

http://school.gifu-net.ed.jp/ogkhigasi-hs/

Ogaki East High School web page: courses, events, activities, etc.

• http://www.schoolnavi-jp.com/sh/sh-index.html

Index of Japanese high schools by region

http://www.gifu-daiichi.ed.jp/news/2015kyogaku/uniform.html

Uniforms for one school in Gifu. Part of the school web site

http://kanko-edu.jp/

Site for purchase of school uniforms with locations of stores, care instructions for uniforms, etc.

http://illpop.com/menuf.htm

Japanese clipart for school and other topics

Environment

 http://www.j-ecoclub.jp/ Children's ecology club

• http://www.kankyo-hoshano.go.jp/kl_db/servlet/com_s_index

Environmental radioactivity resources

Food

• http://restaurant.ikyu.com/rsindex s2.htm

Restaurant ranking with stars, prices, description of restaurants

http://bloominglotus.jp/nd/

Foods, cooking class schedules, good eating advice

http://bloominglotus.jp/nd/13987/

Natural diet video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VylYtR3VaQ4

Onion-chan song about healthy foods

• http://nendai-ryuukou.com/food.html

Popular foods through the decades in Japan

• http://japan-web-magazine.com/japanese/japanese-food-japanese.html

Photos and descriptions of Japanese food

http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/ja/virtual/bento/index.html

Bento is a single-portion take-out or home-packed meal common in Japanese cuisine. A traditional bento holds rice or noodles, fish or meat, with pickled and cooked vegetables, in a box

Governments

http://nihonseiji.com/policy/

Wakari-yasui (Easy to understand) Japanese politics, government policies

Habitats

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Human Rights

• http://www.unicef.or.jp/

Human rights and relief in Japan

Immigration / Migration

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Land Forms (lake, river, mountain, etc.)

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Poverty

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Social Issues (not previously listed, i.e., drugs, etc)

http://www.nippon.com/ja/in-depth/a04601/

Women in the workplace and the challenges they face.

http://www.nippon.com/ja/features/h00079/

The aging population and potential issues

Transportation

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5. INTERDISCIPLINARY / STEM

Weather

Numbers

Calendar

Time

• http://cal.v-colors.com/?year=2016 -

Color coded calendar

- http://www3.nhk.or.jp/news/easy/k10010188051000/k10010188051000.html
 Find articles on weather in the News Web
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BeRPU3K8auc https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rO2-LT9pflM
 Videos of news report on tsunami
- http://weather.yahoo.co.jp/weather/ Daily weather forecasts with visuals

Art

Artists of the Target Culture, Artwork, Crafts

- http://www.tobikan.jp/guide/index.html Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum map and visitor information (hours, contact information)
- http://school.gifu-net.ed.jp/ogkhigasi-hs/tokkatsu/bukatsu/bukatsudou houkoku/h27/h27 hana koushien.pdf
 High school ikebana

Body Parts

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Health

Fitness

http://bloominglotus.jp/nd/13987/

Natural diet video

• http://n-coozy.com/

Advice on various health and beauty issues

http://kameido-kodomo.com/disease/#08-

Hospital website with Images and explanations of childhood diseases, including flu

Healthcare

Ethical Considerations

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History

Historical Figures, Historical Sites, Timelines, Historic Events

http://happylilac.net/rekishi-nenpyo.html
 Website with tests and materials on the history of Japan for elementary students

Home Economics

Menus, Cookbooks, Food

• http://erecipe.woman.excite.co.jp/ Recipes

• http://recipe.rakuten.co.jp/

Recipes

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Literature

Literary Genre, Literary Text Elements, Characterization, Literacy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyaaKHqbWzM

Momotaro: Famous Japanese folk-tale video

http://www.yumearu-ehon.com/
 Children's stories, rhymes, songs

Mathematics

Geometric Shapes, Statistics

http://sakaponsensei.tv/jugyou-6m.html
 General math, word problems, geometry with video lessons

Music

- http://www.yumearu-ehon.com/
 Children's stories, rhymes, songs
- http://nendai-ryuukou.com/
 Music, movies, books, etc.
- http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/ja/virtual/koto/index.html
 Traditional music

Science and Technology

Technological Advances, Technology Skills, Access to Technology, Science Experiments, Astronomy, Biomes, Anatomy and Physiology, Personal Technologies

- http://nendai-ryuukou.com/history/008.html
 History of inventions in Japan
- http://nendai-ryuukou.com/electronics.html
 Electronics throughout the years
- http://www.newsweekjapan.jp/stories/technology/
 Current events in technology
- http://senior-itschool.hatenablog.com/entry/2016/01/16/085755
 Images, vocabulary and technology use in Japan
- http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/ja/hitech/index.html
 High Technology in Japan

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Clothing

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MjQQQW2R1WM

Oni no pantsu: children's song

http://nagoya.mitsukoshi.co.jp/

Mitsukoshi department store directory

http://kanko-edu.jp/

Site for purchase of school uniforms with locations of stores, care instructions for uniforms, etc.

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http://tenshoku.mynavi.jp/knowhow/rirekisho

Japanese form used for resume-type job search tool

http://www.shigotonavi.co.jp/staff/s resume kakikata.asp

Directions for filling in Japanese rirekisho (resumé form)

• http://www.baitoru.com/tokai/jlist/aichi/nagoyashi

Jobs, want ads

Entertainment

• http://tv.yahoo.co.jp/listings/realtime/

Daily TV program schedule with times and channels

http://movies.yahoo.co.jp/

Movie listing with rating system and clickable links for detailed descriptions of movies

Hobbies and Pastimes Activities

Things I like to Do

http://www.nikkansports.com/

Sports news in Japan and the world, specific sports, teams, scoreboards

http://www.nikkansports.com/baseball/professional/score/

Baseball scores by date/teams

http://www.syumisaga.com/list/life/popular_1.html

Hobbies ranked by topic, ages, gender with descriptions

• http://berd.benesse.jp/shotouchutou/research/detail1.php?id=4278

Articles on educational policy in Japan.

Housing

- http://www.joto.co.jp/house/examples/simple-wa.html
 Example of a home
- http://www.athome.co.jp/kodate/

Choose region, city, area and specifications to find a home with prices, etc.

http://realestate.yahoo.co.jp/

Real estate searches

http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/ja/virtual/house/house01.html

Traditional Japanese houses

Life Related Decisions and Goals

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Popular Culture

• http://nendai-ryuukou.com/idol.html

Popular idols through the years

• http://nendai-ryuukou.com/movie1.html

Movie rankings through the years

• http://www.syumisaga.com/list/life/popular 1.html

Hobbies ranked by topic, ages, gender with descriptions

Travel

Tourism

http://narashikanko.or.jp/index.php

Nara Sightseeing web site

http://narashikanko.or.jp/pamph/pdf/narari-15.pdf

Nara sightseeing seasonal guide: ads, tours, articles

http://narashikanko.or.jp/event/index.php

Event index

http://www.jnto.go.jp/jpn/

Japan National Tourism Organization

http://kanko.city.kyoto.lg.jp/

Kyoto tourism site with maps, event schedule, etc.

• http://www.gotokyo.org/jp/index.html

Tokyo tourism with transportation, shopping, hotels, restaurants, souvenirs ideas, etc.

• http://www.kamakura-info.jp/

Kamakura web site

https://www.gotokyo.org/book/?la=ja

Variety of travel brochures for Tokyo.

• https://sites.google.com/a/cord.edu/sarasensei/home/amla-612/module-4---47banmeniyuumei-47th-most-popular/47fan-muni-you-ming

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ACTFL 21st Century Skills Map for World Languages
 List of communicative activities that align with 21st skills for the World Language classroom.

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Sample Lessons from Annenberg Learner

- http://www.learner.org/resources/browse.html?discipline=3&grade=0
- http://www.learner.org/resources/lessonplanbrowse.html?disciplines[]=FL
 Lesson plans and instructional strategies for world language teachers. Also includes links to French, Spanish, and ESL video series.
- http://www.learner.org/interactives/?disciplines[]=FL

Sample Lessons from Startalk

https://startalk.umd.edu/resources/

Resources on curriculum design, instructional materials, assessment tools, and useful links. Although site is designed for critical languages, materials are relevant and usable by any world language teacher.

 http://asiasociety.org/china-learning-initiatives/teqseries?utm source=Chinese+Language+Initiatives&utm campaign=606251595e

Chinese Language Matters January 20161 21 2016&utm medium=email&utm term=0 471f06bc9d-606251595e-386298530

Videos of key teaching strategies for teachers of Chinese, but can apply to any world language.

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