Subject/Grade: Social Studies 7 Lesson Title: Japan- Intro to Power and Authority

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#### Stage 1: Identify Desired Results

#### Outcome(s)/Indicator(s):

**PA7.1** Compare the sources of power for individuals, nations, and regions in a selection of Pacific Rim and circumpolar countries.

(a) Describe the source of power (resources, numbers, organization) and forms of power (force, authority, influence) used by individuals in a position of leadership in the local community or a local organization.

# Key Understandings: ('I Can' statements)

- I can describe differences between Japanese and Canadian culture
- I can compare world issues that are important in Japan and/or Canada
- I can understand that other countries have different governmental structures and this can affect citizen's daily lives

#### **Essential or Key Questions:**

- How do various forms of government affect people's lives?

### **Prerequisite Learning:**

(What are some concepts, facts, and/or skills that students must already know/understand/be able to do in order to 'learn' what you expect of them today? An example is: what health promotions strategies are.)

- Different types of government that exist (democracy, etc)
- Difference between local and federal governments
- Differences between rural and urban areas (ie Japan is very densely populated compared to Canada)
- Different cultures value different things
- Different society structures face different issues
- Freedom might look different in other countries

#### Instructional Strategy(ies)

- Graphic organizer
- Brainstorming
- Reflection
- Discussion

#### Stage 2: Determine Evidence for Assessing Learning

Formative: Student Notebooks - KWL Charts, Journal Responses

### **Stage 3: Build Learning Plan**

# Set (Engagement):

#### Length

#### Materials/Resources:

of Time:

 Youtube video - Opening Essay from Japanese Canadian, CBC, for 2020 Tokyo Olympics

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# Development:

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of Time:

KWL Charts (Individual time for K and W)
 10 mins

(KWL Charts, Long Answer Response s, Journal

2) Group Share **5-10 mins** 

Possible answers for know/want to know:

- What type of government does Japan have? (Constitutional Monarchy, they have a royal family as well as a parliamentary government. The emperor does not hold political power and holds diplomatic role)
- Is Japan a free country? (Yes)
- What does Japan's military look like? (Powerful military, near top 5 in world)
- Is Japan a safe country to live in? (Yes, they have very low crime rate; Tokyo has been rated as the safest city in the world to live in)
- Does Japan mandate education for children? (Yes, over 95% of their citizens finish highschool, compared to 88% in Canada)
- Poverty in Japan? (Fairly low and similar to Canada (10-15%), very low homelessness compared to population)
- 3) Read Textbook Pg 122 125 as a class 5-10 mins

## Possible Adaptations/

#### Differentiation:

- Read as a class or read individuall y
- Answer long answers individuall y or in pairs

# Management Strategies:

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Exchangin g 4) Long Answer Responses (individual)
20 mins

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Call and response

5) Journal Question: What current world issues concern you? (individual or small groups)10 mins

# Safety Considerations:

Possible answers: child labour, child marriage, food supply, climate change, war and conflict, racism, gender inequality, fair wages and poverty, healthcare access, education access, policing and crime

- Physical distancing, masks on at all times, stay in assigned seating areas

### **Learning Closure:**

#### Length of Time:

- KWL Charts (individual time for L)
   5 mins
- 2) Group Share of What we learned5 mins

#### Stage 4: Reflection

The was fun. We had a great lesson with the students. My big takeaway was to explain in greater detail, how to fill out the KWL chart. I grazed over it thinking the kids understood, but one student filled out the wrong column. I will pay greater attention to the explanation of what to fill out next time.