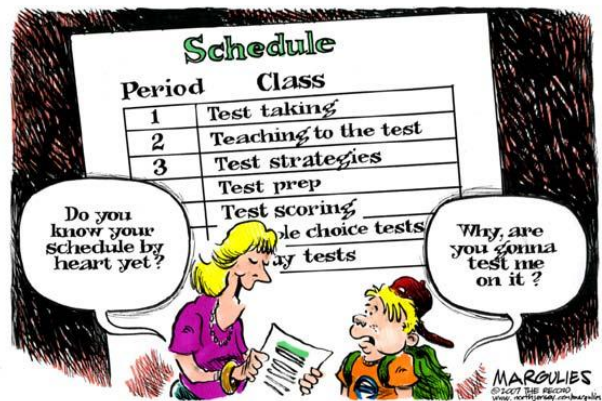


What's the point of this workshop?

See the picture on the right? Doesn't the kid look apathetic? We're trying to avoid this!

This workshop is aimed at helping teachers get and share ideas they can use in the class. Break up the monotonous "for the test" lessons! And, hey, if that doesn't work, at least the class won't be boring.



What is art and culture?

- **Art** is the use of skill and imagination in creating aesthetic objects, environments, or experiences that can be shared with others.
- **Culture** is the full range of learned human behavior patterns.

Why is it important to art and culture in the classroom?

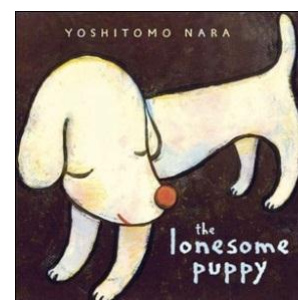
- Increase motivation and interest in English class.
- English lessons can stick a little better.
- Gives students a new perspective on global life.
- Gives students a new perspective on the importance of English.
- Students can relate to the world better.
- Students learn more about their own culture and language.
- Prepares students entering universities, study abroad programs, and jobs in Japan
- Students are visual learners!

For adding more culture to a lesson

- Make the lesson relevant → relate to students, not to tests, otherwise, they forget all of the English taught to them
- Don't stick to the textbook → use it as a guide or reference
- Make lessons practical → Can students use this lesson in reality?
- Allow ALTs to talk about their *experiences*, not just holidays, in their home country
- JTEs and ALTs must plan lessons together. (No time? *Make* time!)
- Talk about global issues and world themes in class (hunger, health, customs, gestures, food, flags, music, poverty, literacy, uniforms)
- Use Japanese culture as an example, not a comparison.

Using Japanese Culture in English Class

- Using Japanese culture is a strong way to relate to students.
- Just use English!
- Example:
 - *Anime* (Japanese animation) in English.
 - *Manga* (Japanese comics) in English.
 - *Rakugo* (story-telling) in English.
 - *Haiku* (poetry) in English.
 - Japanese children's books in English.



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