**Japanese**

Number of Students: 25 max

Age group: middle - high school

Time: 50 mins

Goals:

* Be introduced to the Japanese language: the three “alphabets,” basic phrases, pronunciation
* Be introduced to Japanese culture: three levels of formal speaking, heavy use of context-clues in conversations
* Learn different strategies to learning more Japanese

SLIDESHOW: not yet made

PLAN: (in 10 min chunks)

**0-5**

Introductions, let people trickle in

**5-10**

Start with a discussion to talk about why students are interested in learning about Japanese

**10-20**

* Introduction to hiragana, katakana, and kanji
* Learn how to pronounce hiragana and in romanji
* Learn some basic phrases like greetings and self-introduction using romanji

**20-30**

* Introduction to Japanese culture and differences:
	+ Three levels of formal speaking
	+ Context-clues in conversation
	+ Information about the Japanese population, such as how the population largely believes in Shinto or Buddhism

**30-40**

* Different strategies to learn more Japanese
	+ Memorization tips for hiragana and katakana
	+ Recommended apps for getting started
	+ How to use anime or songs to learn
	+ Taking classes to learn

**Remaining time**

Open the floor to questions about anything genetics related!