

10 things . . .

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I learned . . .

1. brief overview of Japanese history including Japanese class structure
2. introduction to Japanese language and linguistics
3. what anime film is like
4. what sushi tastes like and how many varieties there are
5. Japanese perception of politeness
6. the effects of the economic bubble and the burst.
7. structure of Japanese business culture—the salary man, the OL, etc.
8. structure of the Japanese family
9. the art of Japanese screens, Tokai drumming, Ikebana, origami, calligraphy
10. historiography

I want to know more about. . .

1. The Tale of the Genji
2. Manga – application to children’s literature?
3. Anime – application to children’s literature?
4. US Occupation of Japan
5. Concept of race purity as the Japanese see it.
6. Immigration to the US and US immigration policy toward Japanese and other Asians
7. Immigration to Japan from other Asian countries
8. Post-war literature by women
9. Current employment of women in Japan
10. Current Japanese political climate