

KIST DP Course Descriptions 2011-2012

Group: Group 2

Level: HL/SL

Subject: Japanese B

Grade: 12

Unit Number: 1

Unit Title: Controversial Issues in our Society

Approximate Duration: More than three months

Key Concepts:

Students will discuss a controversial issue in our society, learn what a reasoned argument is and recognize why they need factual data and evidence to support their argument clearly.

LP Link: Communicator

TOK Link(s):

How do the words we use to describe an idea affect our understanding of the world?

Description of the Unit:

As spoken interaction, students will learn how to discuss current social problems both logically and persuasively. They will learn how their argument should have a clear and consistent overall direction and purpose, although there may be digressions to illustrate a point. They will also learn how clear arguments should be appropriately supported by factual data and evidence. As written interaction, students will read various editorials and write formal letters to editors of newspapers and magazines.

Key Knowledge/Skills Addressed:

- Students will learn what a reasoned argument is.
- Students will develop problem solving skills.
- Students will write formal "Letters to the Editor".

Main Summative Assessment of the Unit: DP Internal Assessment