

The Tokaido Road: Then and Now Japan in a Suitcase for Middle School, Grades 6-8

Presentation Content Outline

The basic presentation is outlined below, and a detailed outline follows.

Presenters who have done this for many years will have some hints and procedures that work well for them. For that reason, this outline should be used as only a guide. Presenters should feel free to add other details and procedures to each topic as they see appropriate. Have fun!

I. Introduction

- A. Set the Stage
- B. Where is Japan?
- C. Introduce topic

II. Historical Connections

- A. Introduce time line
- B. Place ancient civilizations on time line
- C. Overview of Japanese History
- D. Overview of US History

III. Tokaido Road During Edo Times

- A. Edo Era 1603 – 1868
- B. Compare to Pioneer times and Oregon Trail

IV. Kanji and Writing

- A. Relevant Kanji

V. Tokaido Road Today

- A. Connecting Kyoto and Tokyo and past and present