



# 沖縄文化教育



## Okinawa Culture Awareness Training

### Part 2

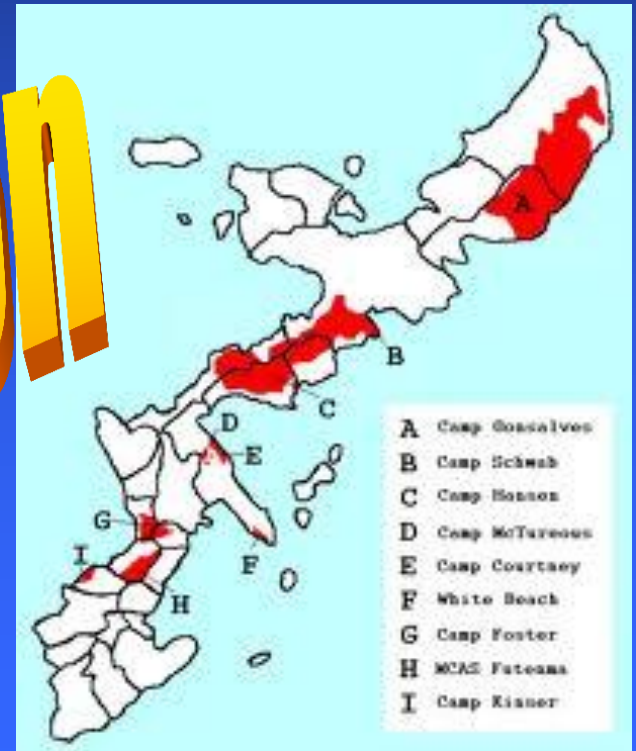
Environment, History, Customs, Beliefs

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## Okinawa Edition

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## Environment

(Physical,  
Economic, Social)

## History

## Customs

## Beliefs

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## **Environment \$200**

**Okinawa is the largest island  
in this island chain.**

## **Environment \$400**

**This industry category is  
Okinawa's largest,  
accounting for 87% of the  
prefecture's economy.**

## **Environment \$600**

**Most electricity is generated on Okinawa using this type of commodity.**

## **Environment \$800**

**The average amount of rainfall water *per person* available on Okinawa is less than this percentage of amount *per person* in mainland Japan.**

## **Environment \$1000**

**Education is mandatory for these ages, and the literacy rate of Okinawans is this percentage.**



# **Environment**

**\$200 Answer**

**What is the Ryukyu island chain?**

**There are three main island groups (Okinawa, Miyako, and Yaeyama), and 500 island in the Ryukyu chain! 49% of the islands are inhabited.**

# **Environment**

**\$400 Answer**

**What is the service industry?**

**Manufacturing is 15% and agriculture 2%**

**Unemployment is around 6%**

**Okinawa is Japan's poorest prefecture**

# **Environment**

**\$600 Answer**

**What is imported oil?**

**Okinawa Electrical Power Company is investigating alternative sources like biomass, wind, and seawater hydro-electric power generation.**

**There are no nuclear power plants on Okinawa**

# **Environment**

**\$800 Answer**

**What is less than 50% of  
mainland Japan?**

**Okinawa's population density is three  
times higher than mainland Japan**

**Also, the rate of domestic water use  
here is much higher than in Japan**

**Water shortages are a real concern**

# **Environment**

## **\$1000 Answer**

**What are 6-15 years and 99%?**

**Japan's is a national education system**

**Everyone goes to high school but that must be paid for**

**High School cram schools keep kids up late at night studying for college entrance exams**

## **History \$200**

**Okinawa was most influenced  
by this country until the 17<sup>th</sup>  
century.**

## **History \$400**

**Okinawa became Japan's 47<sup>th</sup>  
prefecture in this year.**

## **History \$600**

**The main battle for Okinawa in WWII occurred during these dates in 1945.**



## **History \$800**

**Okinawa was an occupied area  
of the United States from  
these years.**

## **History \$1000**

**Okinawa returned to full  
political control of Japan on  
this date.**

# **History**

## **\$200 Answer**

### **What is China?**

**Okinawan people come from a mixture of Southeast Asia, Mongolia, Japan, and Micronesia countries.**

**Recently, a strong revival of Okinawa-unique culture and identity has been promoted.**

# **History**

## **\$400 Answer**

**What is 1879?**

**While Okinawa had been invaded by Western Japan warlord clans from 1609, not until Commodore Perry's black ships and the Meiji restoration was the Ryukyu Kingdom forced to come under Japan's political rule.**

# **History**

## **\$600 Answer**

**What is April 1 to June 23, 1945?**

**June 1944, Japan dispatches soldiers to Okinawa**

**October 1944, American bombing campaign begins**

**March 1945, first American troops land on Kerama**

**Americans killed or MIA= 12,500**

**Japanese military killed= approx 60,000**

**Okinawa civilians killed= approx 150,000 (one-third of their population)**

# History

## \$800 Answer

### What is 1945 to 1952?

**Strong pacifist movement grew after the War.**

**Almost the entire island's infrastructure and government was rebuilt during the occupation.**

**Local governance returned to Okinawa in 1952 but only with limited autonomy, as Okinawa became central staging area for emerging Cold War in Asia**

# **History**

## **\$1000 Answer**

**What is 15 May 1972?**

**1975- Okinawa International Ocean  
Exposition with Expo Park built in Nago**

**1995- Cornerstone of Peace erected in  
Itoman, Rape incident in Kin**

**2000- G-8 Summit held in Nago**

**Customs \$200**

**This way of eating noodles is  
perfectly acceptable in  
Okinawa and Japan.**



## **Customs \$400**

**This social activity remains one of the most common in Okinawa and Japan, at night and even during the day.**

**Customs \$600**

**Two of Japan's unique  
holidays include these.**

**Customs \$800**

**Two improper uses of chopsticks include these actions.**

## **Customs \$1000**

**Three of six body gestures typically used in America but considered rude in Japan are these.**

# **Customs**

## **\$200 Answer**

**What is slurping noodles?**

**It is thought that slurping enhances the flavor and eating experience.**

**It is also permissible to talk while eating, though usually one covers one's mouth while doing it.**

# **Customs**

## **\$400 Answer**

### **What is karaoke?**

**Even if you can't sing well, just the fact that you try will impress Japanese people.**

**Karaoke machines are found in most bars and small eateries, but private "boxes" are the most popular now**

**Almost all karaoke box sites have a large selection of American songs, which are very popular**

# **Customs**

## **\$600 Answer**

**What is Golden Week and the Emperor's Birthday?**

**Other interesting and unique holidays include Coming of Age Day (for 20 year-olds), Ocean Day, Boys' Day, Girls' Day, Respect for the Aged Day, and Obon (ancestral worship day)**

# **Customs**

## **\$800 Answer**

**What is sticking them straight up  
in a bowl of rice, transferring  
food to someone else, or  
spearing food?**

**Still, making an honest attempt to use  
chopsticks is a great sign of respect to  
Japanese people, so give it a try and  
watch others use them or just ask if you  
are unsure about something!**



# **Customs**

## **\$1000 Answer**

**What is blowing one's nose in public,  
hands in pockets while speaking,  
pointing with the index finger,  
prolonged direct eye contact,  
dramatic arm and hand gestures,  
and distorting facial expressions?**

**Still, don't be afraid to be yourself, just  
consider your actions' impact**

**Beliefs \$200**

**The indigenous Okinawan  
martial art is called this.**

## **Beliefs \$400**

**This is the name for the  
ceramic animals found in  
front of almost all homes  
in Okinawa.**

# **Beliefs \$600**

**The indigenous and official  
religion of Japan and  
therefore Okinawa is this.**

## **Beliefs \$800**

**One of the most sacred places  
for Okinawan families outside  
their homes are these.**

# **Beliefs \$1000**

**Popularly understood among Japanese today is that one is born by following the customs of the \_\_\_\_\_ religion, is married by following the customs of the \_\_\_\_\_ religion, and dies by following the customs of the \_\_\_\_\_ religion.**

# **Beliefs**

## **\$200 Answer**

### **What is karate?**

**Remember “The Karate Kid?” (original version  
more than the Jackie Chan remake)**

**Means “empty hand”**

**Symbolic of Okinawans’ general pacifist principles  
Introduced to mainland Japan in 1922**

# **Beliefs**

## **\$400 Answer**

**What is shisa, or shishi.**

**Also found in China and mainland Japan,  
but the use of two unique to Japan**

**Different interpretations of their meaning,  
but mostly centered around controlling  
good and evil spirits**



# **Beliefs**

## **\$600 Answer**

### **What is Shinto?**

**Means “way of the gods.”**

**Not usually considered by most Japanese to actually be a religion but more a deeply ingrained part of the culture.**

**All torii gates are Shinto in design.**

**Most festivals in Japan are Shinto in origin.**

# **Beliefs**

## **\$800 Answer**

### **What are tombs?**

**Extremely popular in Okinawa, less so in mainland Japan.**

**Unique Okinawan “turtle tomb” shape found everywhere on the island, including U.S. bases.**

**Extremely important to be very respectful of these areas- are a main center of prevalent ancestor worship.**

# **Beliefs**

## **\$1000 Answer**

### **What is Shinto, Christian, and Buddhist?**

**In almost all aspects of life, the Okinawan (and Japanese) people are deeply spiritual, with a strong mix of various beliefs including:**

**Animism, Shamanism, Shinto, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism.**

**Christianity only followed by 1-3%, Judaism and Islam even smaller, and mostly in urban areas.**