

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Holidays in Japan S1 #2 Coming of Age Day

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VOCABULARY

| Kanji | Kana | Romaji | English |
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| お盆 | おぼん | O-bon | Bon Festival |
| 振袖 | ふりそで | furisode | long-sleeved kimono worn by unmarried women |
| 小豆 | あずき | azuki | red beans |
| 成人の日 | せいじんのひ | Seijin no hi | Coming of Age Day |

SAMPLE SENTENCES

お盆は祖先をまつる期間なので、祖先の霊を迎える前にお墓を掃除するのは大切なことです。

O-bon wa sosen o matsuru kikan nanode, sosen no rei o mukaeru mae ni o-haka o sōji suru no wa taisetsu na koto desu.

O-bon is a period of honoring one's ancestors, so it's important to clean the family graves before welcoming their spirits.

小豆が好きです。

Azuki ga suki desu.

I like red beans.

成人の日には、20歳をむかえる多くの男女が着物や袴を着ます。

Seijin no hi ni wa, hatachi o mukaeru ōku no danjo ga kimono ya hakama o kimasu.

On Coming of Age Day, many men and women who are or will be twenty years old by the end of March that year wear traditional Japanese clothes called "kimono" and "hakama".