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My project, stemming from the 2014 Japan Studies Institute, will attempt to infuse 2 courses with examples/samples of Japanese art, film, and literature in an attempt to expose students to Japan and its culture. In the first course, Cultural Diversity, students will have the opportunity to learn critical components of Japanese history and culture, particularly as it relates and contrasts with other cultures. In an English course I plan to develop, I will design the course around Japanese fiction and film. This course will allow students to see aspects of Japan as depicted in both film and literature. I also intent to create a connection with York College/CUNY and a Japanese University, based in Tokyo, to allow students the opportunity to immerse themselves in a different culture as they engage in their college studies. Such programs exist at other CUNY campuses. However, with the increase in interest in Study Abroad opportunities and modern Japanese culture, I believe a joint program with a Japanese University will be feasible. Initially, I would like to accompany York students to explore such opportunities with the goal of creating opportunities for students to spend a semester or an academic year at a Japanese University while York College hosts Japanese students.