

## Term Paper-A Glimpse of overseas cultures

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In this semester, we have talked about American cultures, and Australian cultures.

We have discussed cultural differences between US cultures and Taiwanese cultures and the themes included sports, shopping habits, fashion, food, and movies. The following is what I have learned from these topics.



At the beginning, I learned that Taiwan and the United States have different shopping habits. In the United States, the land area is much larger than in Taiwan, and the distance between home and the sales offices are very long, so it is normal that there are a lot of hypermarket like

Costco, and they usually buy a weekly or even a monthly food. Compared with Taiwan, because of its narrow location and dense population, there are often community-based supermarkets.

Also, we have learned the differences of geography,

there are six zones in US which are West, Southwest, Midwest, South, Mid-Atlantic, and New England, and there are four zones in Taiwan which are North, Central, East, and West. As for the neighboring straits, America is between the Pacific and Atlantic Ocean, and Taiwan is between the Pacific Ocean and the Taiwan Strait. Two places, the two places are respectively on the eastern and western sides of the Pacific Ocean.



When it comes to sports, the first thing to mention is World-renowned NBA, which is a basketball game that swept the world, therefore, whenever we talk about the most well-known sports in the United States, we always think of basketball. As for the most famous sport in Taiwan, I think it must be the baseball, Chinese Professional Baseball, is also a world-renowned professional group, two of them are very representative sports.



Not only that, we also have learned the

difference of fashion between Taiwan and United States, in terms of clothing differences, American clothing designs are generally bolder than Taiwanese, take MVs for example, The United States usually incorporates bold elements in the presentation of MVs. Compared with Taiwan, which presents more conservative style. As for the

design of uniform, Taiwan is mostly plain and contrasting. The United States hardly mandates school uniforms, except for some private schools.



Talking about the differences of food between Taiwan and America, US has a lot of special food that Taiwan doesn't have, such as California roll, green tomatoes, blue corns, California roll is special because they will put Avocado in it, and blue corns, green tomatoes' color are also very different



from Taiwan, and the food in America are much more heavy taste. However, the foods in Taiwan are lighter taste, and mainly pastry food. But because of Taiwan's diverse food culture, there are many kinds of food in Taiwan.

The last thing I learned in class is the differences of movie between Taiwan and America, this time I want to introduce two movies, although they all are comedies, but the ways they presenting are different. Take "Johnny English Strikes Again" and "The Wonderful Wedding" for example, the former mainly integrates modern technology elements, including virtual reality, fingerprint recognition, and show the funny part through the body language of the protagonist. And the latter is expressed through some funny conversation, and also combined some traditional cultures.



After learning these differences between Taiwan and America, although there are many differences between United States and Taiwan, I still like these two places very much, hope that I will have a chance in future to go to the USA in person and find out more different and the same places from Taiwan.

Our teacher has invited a speaker, Lee Wei, who is from Texas and give us a speech about Texas food. What amazing is that he brought local food to the class. The foods were Sweet



and sour smoked pork , black pepper mashed potatoes ,and fresh lettuce salad. I still remember I ate a lot at that day although I just finished my lunch. Not only that, he also introduced some cultures and some specials in Texas, which are Pecan, mocking bird, Texas Longhorn, thanks Lee Wei so much for sharing on that day.

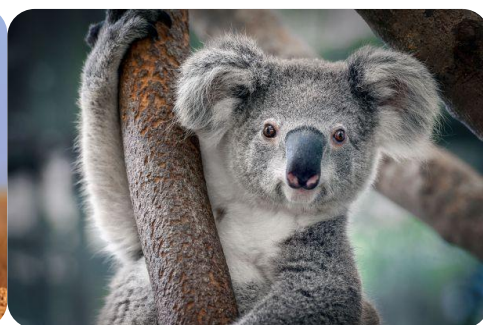


Our teacher also invited a baker to teach us how to make brownie cake, which is a chocolate-based dessert introduced from Boston. The recipe looks simple but actually, it is a bit difficult to make. It took about four hours for us to wait, and the moment I tried brownie, I felt interested because I love making desserts, from the beginning of the melting chocolate and sifting flour to the final baking step, although we encountered some difficulties during the production process, fortunately we all overcame them in the end. After this dessert making course, I have more interest of making desserts!



Now I want to introduce something special in Australia, Australia is the country in the southern hemisphere, when you hear Australia, what will you think first? I think it must be koalas and kangaroos. That's right, kangaroos are the symbolic animals in Australia, but as the number of kangaroos has increased in recent years, their meat is often made into canned pet food.

When it comes to koalas, we always associate with their cuteness, however, their survival is getting harder and harder. Due to the global warming, the temperature is becoming higher and higher, so attracted by their cuteness, the crisis of their survival should also be valued by us.





We also have invited a foreigner teacher to teach us some special course, like some extreme sports and something about weddings, the teacher have introduced some extreme sports such as bungee jumping, skydiving, hang gliding, paragliding, surfing, all of them attracted me a lot. And after introducing the things about wedding, I found that there are a lot of kinds of weddings in the world, such as holding in a church, at a beach or even in a school. We not only learned lots of things but also practiced conversation perfectly.



And here is our group's power point:

*Culture Different of Movies*

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### Difference between Western and Eastern Movies

	Western Movies	Eastern Movies
<b>Concept</b>	Emphasis on logic, strong self-awareness	Advocating neatness and uniformity, the phenomenon of individualization is obvious
<b>Way of Thinking</b>	Developed thinking, starting from the concrete, collecting facts and data, pragmatism	Developed thinking, emphasizes perception, but often despise analysis and actual observation
<b>Various factors</b>	Be positive, enterprising, and dare to challenge problems	Be passive, loyal, and endure environmental pressure without changing them.

### Johnny English Strikes Again

- Starring:** Rowan Atkinson
- Summary:** When the criminals revealed the identity of all undercover agents in the UK, this made the British intelligence unit M17 now rely on only one person - Johnny Ingle.
- <https://youtu.be/7ubckY0y8E4>

### The Wonderful Wedding

- Starring:** Chu Ke-Liang
- Summary:** Li Shufen is finally getting married with Gao Fei! He looks like a veritable "Mama Bao". And Shufen's father make the rules are set higher than Taipei 101! Fortunately, Daxie matchmaker Qian Yi has a pro-level wrist, seeing the bride will break into the door, but suddenly burst into tears.
- <https://youtu.be/Wom3ncYUaw>

Thanks for listening