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**Gender Images in Japan**

**#1.** This is the first time that I watched a Japanese movie and I really liked. At the beginning of the movie it focuses on teenage girls that seem to be incapable to accomplish ordinary things. First of all, it shows a group of bad group of students that are not smart enough to pass their math class. In the summer they are stuck doing summer school. This scene shows that women are concentrated on different things that they really like, such as fashion, photography, and makeup except for math. These groups of teenage girls are always focusing on different things. In one event that changed the whole perspective of these young ladies was when the baseball team and the school band left to a game without their lunches. At this point of the movie the women took action and decided to take the responsibility of delivering the lunches to the students. On their way to the baseball game they took many risks. They couldn’t get away with but they were always confident and optimistic about their obligation. Finally, after all the difficulties that they had in their journey they arrived with the lunches. Women seem to be portrayed as an irresponsible individual because even though they worried about the school team and the band all their sacrifices and the dangers that they were exposed seemed to be unworthy.

All those meals were not refrigerated creating a chaos and making all those who ate the meals sick for days. This situation was unacceptable and the girls felt guilty, in other words they had to find a solution to their actions after the consequences. The principal’s solution was to find a replacement band while the original recovered after the food poisoning. This idea seemed to be impossible to achieve but their courage took them to a different level. They had a difficulty in learning how to play the instruments and read the notes but their dedication and their enthusiasm of learning new things came true. The movie characterize women as a human being that can have a hard time learning something new, but it shows that women are responsible and that they would do anything to achieve their dreams. It shows that with determination and discipline they can make a difference and change the whole perspective that other people has about them. Also in this movie we can see that women have different talents and capacities and they felt inspired because they loved what they were doing.

**#2.** One unique social cultural value that I saw in the movie was that all the girls in the band were responsible and decided to fix the problem. They worked together as a team and did their best to represent their school. Also they were so into the bass band that they did the impossible to buy used instruments because they were unable to afford them new. This movie shows the efforts, creativity and all the struggles that a human being has to deal with when it has a passion about something and can’t let it go until its done right. In America is different most of the people especially students give up easily at school and don’t try their best. I think this is true because we are always embarrassed and afraid to ask questions and remanding silence is one of our options. In the movie we can see how this group of girls took the risk to perform in public even though they knew they were not that good they took the risk. In this country we are always competing and trying to blame others on our actions. We are not responsible enough because we are always making excuses as a way to get rid of the problem. And one last thing is that we don’t try to make the time to discover our talents and we are unable to find out what skills are we able to perform. We should leave the laziness and discover new talents that can change our lives.

**#3.** In my opinion I loved the movie because it focuses on how you can be able to change your life by facing the consequences of making right or wrong decisions. It also gives you a lesson by teaching you that we all have different skills that can help us to accomplished different goals. We might not be good at learning math but we can be number one on a different subject. I would like to watch this movie again because I like how students are characterize especially the girl that is always eating junk food. A few important things that I learned was the responsibility is important and that we all should try to take risks in life.