Using Google Jamboard as an Interactive Group-work Platform

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JAPN 402: Reading in Japanese Cultural Studies

• Designed for students to challenge their Japanese language skill with various reading materials

• Required a completion of JAPN 302 (=3 yrs of Japanese language classes) upon registration

• Course theme: Relationship between technology and the human in contemporary Japan
Class Schedule

Early February

- Submit their research interest(s)
- Select one article from Asahi Newspaper

Mid February

- Library Day #1
  - Concept Mapping Exercise
  - Asahi Newspaper Database

Early March

- Presentation #1
  - Presentation on the selected article

Late March

- Library Day #2
  - Asahi Shinbun Kikuzo II Database
    - 1:1 Breakout room (zoom)

Mid April

- Presentation #2
  - Select additional article(s) from Asahi Newspaper
  - Presentation on the topic

May

- WordPress Blog entry
TECHNOLOGY IN CONTEMPORARY JAPANESE CULTURE

HUMAN AND ROBOTIC
Robotic is one of the most important and advanced technologies that we created in contemporary world. Robots help human beings in different ways which...
What is Concept Mapping exercise?

- To expand/narrow down the research topic into a research question
- To brainstorm keywords for the search
Concept Mapping Exercise – pre COVID time

Main concept

アイドル (idols)

Virtual

2.5 次元

robot = ロボット

business

games

Technology

physical

financial impact in society

Money

charity

Events

perspective from the society

negative

positive

juvenile

under-age

age

Gender

male

female

男

女

Eikomi

Stereotypes

Eikomi

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What is Google Jamboard?
Google Jamboard
Prework

Concept Mapping

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Concept Mapping (Spring 2021: JAPN 402)
Synchronous session

- Work on their own concept map
- Divided to breakout rooms
- Contribute to each other’s concept map
Example Concept Map #2

介護

老人

介護サービス

老々介護 (this means taking care of older people, often their parents; so a 70 yr old taking care of 90 yr old father)

ROBOT

PET

ロボット

ペット

人間性
Example Concept Map #3

- Cosplay becomes normalized as a daily wear
- Plastic surgery trending
- Japanese beauty methods
- Men tend to get involved in beauty more
- Anime hair
- Psychological influence
- Gender identity
- Sexualization of teen things (school uniform as an example) which leads to a potential sexualization of young girls and boys?
- Gender perspective
- Anime character
Worked great on Google Jamboard:

- Easy to master application
- Casually add (and delete) the keywords
- Easy to copy & paste Japanese keywords
- Use images from the internet
- Students found easy to communicate with virtually shared boards
- Faculty & Librarian can monitor all boards
Challenges on Google Jamboard:
(or on online teaching in general...)

- Hard to see the students’ attention level
- Differences among breakout rooms
So what are the keepers? – Plan for Post-COVID time

- Pre-class video
- Bilingual concept map
- Concept mapping creation with classmates
THANK YOU!!