

Hello guys. 4 months have passed since I came here. I have a Japanese friend who has been studying at my school as an exchange student from last April until early February this year. I feel time passes so fast when I see her. December was one of the months which I was most looking forward to, because I really wanted to experience Canadian Christmas, and just as I had expected, this December was wonderful. Today I'm going to talk about two things: one is of course about Christmas, and another is about Canadian history class.

<Canadian Christmas>

Many people in Canada start Christmas decoration after Remembrance Day, November 11th, which is an opportunity to recall all those who have served in the nation's defense. The first thing I was surprised about was this. Most houses start decorations more than one month before Christmas, and those were beautiful. My host family makes lights around house, projectors on trees, two Christmas trees, candles and so on. Christmas here is bigger and more of a family event of the year. On Christmas Eve's night, we opened a present, it was matching pajama to wear that night. I didn't know that culture at all, so I was happy to get a present before 25th morning. On the Eve night, all of family members also watched a movie, which is called "The Rise of the Guardians" together. It was a good movie, and I learned many English fairies such as Jack Frost, Tooth Fairy, sand man, Boogeyman and so on. Jack Frost is an imaginary boy who brings winter and Snow Day. Tooth Fairy steals teeth from under the pillow while children are sleeping. Everybody was surprised when I said that "In Japan, when a tooth falls out, they throw it onto the roof". I got a lot of presents, and we enjoyed Christmas dinner with the host family. Host grandparents are French Canadians, so Meme told me about many French-Canadian traditional dishes such as meat pie, quiche, tiramisu and so on. They were so sweet and kind to me, and I really like them. I also made Toshikoshi Soba for my host family by myself on Christmas. I prepared ねぎ, 大根おろし, 天かす. No one in my family liked 大根おろし with many reasons. Next time I want to make Tempura.



<Canadian History Class>

I want to talk about a Canadian history class because we are recently learning WW2. Please imagine how you would think about learning history from outside of Japan. I was looking forward to learning history at Canada because it is truly invaluable experience. I learned that it took approximately 45 seconds between the airplane dropped atomic bomb and it exploded. We watched a video depicting the state of the army who were on B29 at that time. I had never thought about how they were feeling during that short time and I thought that if I was not here, I would never think about it.

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