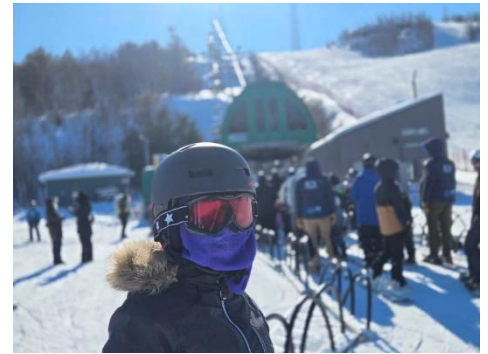


Hello guys. I've done halfway out of 10 months on January 25th! I experienced the middle of winter in north Ontario. To survive long and cold winter, I was focusing on enjoying winter. Today I am going to talk about snowboarding, the differences of exams between Japan and Canada.

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I joined snowboarding club in my school at beginning of January. We have a nice little ski hill in the center of Sudbury, and I go there every Wednesday after school. I found this is super cool. I was afraid to slide down steep slopes when I first started snowboarding, but I could advance because of this environment, where I can go to the ski hill every week after school. It takes only 20 minutes to get there from my house. Now I love snowboarding, and I'm almost obsessed. Even such a small change makes me realize that I would never have changed if I had not come to Canada.



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I found many differences in Canada's school exam term from Japanese one. In Japan, students have 9 subject exams at the end of every semester. Compared to that, students in Canada have 4 subjects each semester. So, students have a maximum of 4 exams in a semester. However, not all students have 4 exams. For example, I was taking 4 classes; Canadian history, English as second language, visual art, and English, but I had only English exam. Instead of exams, I had culminating activities such as making video about 1920s in history class, making book of art elements, making children's book or making boardgame based on any real book. Also, we have one test on one day, so in my case, I had three days off and I went to school a day for English test. I like this style than Japan's school exams. The exam lasts approximately 2 hours, but you can leave once you have finished. This wasn't a culminating activity, but I gave a presentation on the atomic bomb with Japanese exchange students from the same school. The teacher didn't go into the atomic bomb in as much depth as I had anticipated. So, many students listened to our presentation well. Spreading knowledge about the atomic bomb was great experience for me.

With the second semester approaching, I'm looking forward to covering some of my new and interesting classes in my next report. So, thank you for following along so far, and I'll see you next month!

