

# Education to improve students' media literacy



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## Introduction

To take part in society, we first need to know about domestic and international problems, but the media isn't always trusted. Therefore, it is now important for us to acquire and practice media literacy.

I examined media literacy education of Japan and other countries. Then I suggested educational techniques to improve students' practical media literacy and produce students who actively take part in society.

## 1 Media literacy of Japan

### Information

improve **how to use information** to deal with an information-oriented society

#media literacy

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Japanese cannot tell the difference between media literacy and how to use information.

### Japanese

improve **ability of expressing** using media(=videos and books)

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It doesn't seem to reflect cultural or political aspects.

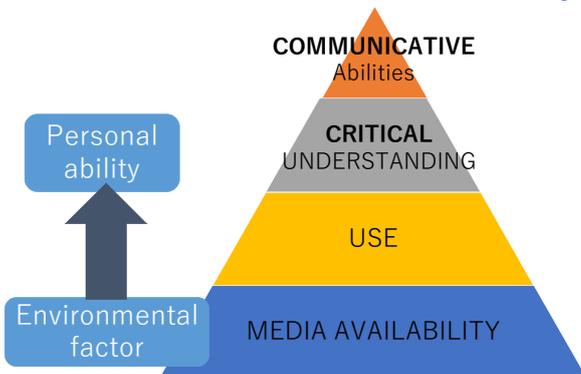
Japanese education only shows how to use the media.

It isn't clearly written in the Guidelines for the Course of Study.

It is not broad enough nor is it well received by Japanese students.

## 2 Media literacy of Europe

### The structure of media literacy



Media literacy is not only being able to use information but also to communicate and think critically.



## Media literacy education



	the UK	Canada
Major subject	Media Studies, ICT, Citizenship	Language, English
Position	written in the National Curriculum	become a part of the curriculum in a required course
What is emphasized	critical thinking	critical thinking

## 3 Suggestion

An effective education for improving students' media literacy would be...

developing the ability to use information and think critically.

☆Furthermore, students can communicate with each other.

my suggestion

introduce a part of the UK education and citizenship education

### feature

- Students discuss questions which have no answer.
- There are many chances for students to discuss
- It reflects political aspects.

For example...

- ① Students divided into groups become TV stations and report political news.
- ② They discuss the different ways of reporting and criticize their reports.

This education enables students to think about social matters critically and participate in society.  
= improve students' media literacy

Writing this curriculum and definition of media literacy in the Guidelines for the Course of Study.

Practical media literacy will spread throughout Japan.

## conclusion

If the Japanese government reconsiders the current media literacy education and specifies curriculum which improves media literacy, the number of people who can take part in society will increase.

From now on, I'm going to study how to train teachers who teach media literacy and how to improve national recognition of media literacy.

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