

IDENTIFYING AND EXPLORING JAPAN-RELATED SOURCES -- ONLINE SOURCES IN ENGLISH --

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- [Worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org)

[<http://www.worldcat.org/>]

Free version of union catalog of many U.S. and international libraries. Includes conference papers.

Online Databases (subscription-based)

Use the databases below to find journal articles on the topics of interest.

[Bibliography of Asian Studies \(BAS\) Online](http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,uid&profile=ehost&defaultdb=bas) *1971 to present.*

[<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,uid&profile=ehost&defaultdb=bas>]

The most comprehensive Western-language resource for research on Asia. This is the online version of the Bibliography of Asian Studies (BAS), referencing principally western-language articles and book chapters on all parts of Asia published since 1971. Encompasses books, journal articles and chapters, conference proceedings, anthologies, festschriften, etc. of the annual printed books from 1971 to 1991. From 1992 to present, the Bibliography includes citations to all articles from the 100 most-used journals in Asian studies and a substantial number of additional citations from earlier years in South Asian studies. Includes Japan-related journals : Japan Echo (Tokyo), [Japan Forum](#) (Oxford, England), [Japan Review](#): Bulletin of the International Research Center for Japanese Studies = Nichibunken (Kyoto), [Japanese Journal of Religious Studies](#)

(Nagoya), [Japanese Language and Literature](#) (Boulder, CO), [Journal of Japanese Studies](#) (Seattle) and [Monumenta Nipponica](#) (Tokyo).

- [Academic Search Premier](#) *mid-1980s to present.*

[<http://search.epnet.com/login.asp?ehost&profile=ehost&defaultdb=aph>]

Provides full-text content to journals including: [Asian Affairs](#), [Asian Philosophy](#), [Asian Studies Review](#), [Japan Forum](#), [Japanese psychological research](#), and [Journal of Japanese Studies](#).

- [ProQuest Research Library](#)

[<http://search.proquest.com/pqrl/advanced?accountid=13758>]

ProQuest Research Library provides full-text contents to 2,500 journals from 1972 to current, including: [Asian Theatre Journal](#), [Asian Philosophy](#), and [Journal of Asian Studies](#).

- [JSTOR](#) *From beginning of the title, excluding the most recent 3-5 years.*

[<http://www.jstor.org/>]

A keyword searchable database that provides electronic access to the entire archives of core journals in the humanities, social sciences and sciences with an embargo period of four to five years. Particularly valuable for its access to older journals that may not be indexed online. Includes the [Journal of Asian Studies](#) (1956-1991) and its predecessor: the [Far Eastern Quarterly](#) (1941-1956); [Monumenta Nipponica](#) and [Journal of Japanese Studies](#).

- [Project MUSE Journals](#)

[<http://muse.jhu.edu/>]

A multidisciplinary database, coverage often begins from where JSTOR stops. Includes: [Journal of Japanese Studies](#) (2004-) and [Monumenta Nipponica](#).

- [ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Full Text](#) *1861 to present; master's theses 1962 to present.*

[<http://search.proquest.com/advanced?accountid=13758&selectids=10000115,1006522,1006523>]

Dissertations & Theses full text database covers citations for dissertations from accredited institutions from 1637 to the present. Abstracts for PhD dissertations began about 1980 and for Master's theses from 1988; Digital full text for most of the

dissertations added since 1997. The database is searchable by author, title, subject, keyword, institution, or adviser.

- [EconLit](#)

[<http://search.epnet.com/login.asp?ehost&profile=ehost&defaultdb=ecn>]

EconLit contains abstracts and indexes articles in economic journals published worldwide, including journals on Asian Pacific economy such as: [Japan labor review](#), Japan research quarterly, [Japanese economic review](#), Japanese economic studies and [Japanese economy](#). It also abstracts books and indexes articles in books, working papers, and dissertations. Additionally, it covers full-text book reviews from the [Journal of Economic Literature](#) (JEL).

- [Business Monitor International \(BMI\)](#)

[<https://bmo.businessmonitor.com/enter>]

Daily service offering financial, economic and political news and analysis on 175 countries. Includes in-depth country analysis, forecasts, risk ratings, regulatory information, as well as industry reports. **Select "Geography" or "Service" to find Japan-related business information under Geography/Asia/Japan.**

- [Business Source Premier](#) *most 1990s to present.*

[<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?profile=ehost&defaultdb=buh>]

Featuring the full text for academic journals, business magazines, newspapers, news wires, trade journals; and SWOT analysis, company profiles, country statistics, and industry reports.

- [OxResearch](#) *1986 to present*

[<http://search.proquest.com/oxresearch/advanced?accountid=13758>]

Provides objective, analytical articles by faculty members at Oxford and other leading universities around the world, think-tanks and institutes of international standing covering world and regional economic and political developments of major significance. **OxResearch Country Profiles** include fulltext profiles for Japan from 2008-

- [Communication and Mass Media Complete](#) *Early 1980s to present.*

[<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?profile=ehost&defaultdb=ufh>]

A research and reference resource of the communication discipline. The database provides full text content of journals in communication, mass media, and other closely-related fields of study. Includes [Journal of Asian Pacific Communication](#).

- [PsycINFO](#) 1887 to present.

[<http://search.epnet.com/login.asp?ehost&profile=ehost&defaultdb=psych>]

An abstract (not full-text) database of psychological literature from the 1800s to the present. PsycINFO covers more than 20 Japanese journals including: [Japanese Journal of Experimental Social Psychology](#), [Japanese Journal of Psychology](#), and [Japanese Psychological Research](#).

E-Journals (Free)

- [SDSU Journal Finder \(Journals A-Z\)](#)

[<https://library.sdsu.edu/journalfinder>]

If you would like to browse a particular journal visit the [journal A-Z list](#) from the SDSU library home page. The list includes both print and electronic journals, paid and freely accessible e-journals. To browse Japan-related journals, Search Journal finders by **Subject Category** => History & Archaeology => Regions & countries -Asia => East Asia. If looking for a specific journal article, and have the title, author and journal information, try using the [citation linker](#)

[<http://sfx.calstate.edu:9003/sdsu/cgi/core/citation-linker.cgi>]

- [J-STAGE](#)

[<http://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/browse/>]

The Japan Science and Technology Information Aggregator, Electronic (J-STAGE) is developed by Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) to support electronic publishing of the academic societies in Japan, and to disseminate STM information to the world, with the goal of maintaining and developing Japan's science and technology research at an international level. As of June 2015, J-STAGE provides full-text content of 1740 freely available electronic journals, conference proceedings and reports in English language. Browse journals by Titles or Subject Areas.

- [Education About Asia](#) [[DS32.8 .E38](#)]

[<http://aas2.asian-studies.org/EAA/>]

SDSU library has complete holdings with a print subscription; Issues are also open access freely available online. Click on Browse TOC/Search for Articles to access back issues.

- [Electronic Journal of Contemporary Japanese Studies](#) 2001-

[<http://www.japanesestudies.org.uk/contents/intro.html>]

A free scholarly electronic journal that publishes academic research articles on contemporary Japanese society, economy, politics, and culture. All articles are double-blind peer reviewed. Table of contents by year of publication and by subject.

- [Japan Focus](#) 2002-

[<http://japanfocus.org/>]

A free e-journal and archive focusing on Japan and the Asia-Pacific, covering politics, economics, society, history and culture, international relations, war and peace, and historical memory. Articles are arranged by geographic regions and broad topics only. It covers translations from Japanese and other languages of articles published in Japanese press such as: *Shukan Kinyobi*, *Sekai*, *Gunshuku*, and *Heiwa Kenkyu*, and mainstream sources such as *Asahi Shimbun*, *Aera*, *Mainichi Shimbun* and the *Japan Times*. Select "Course Readers" in the dashboard to find free downloadable course readers for your classroom teaching.

- [Japan Labor Bulletin](#) 1992 - 2003

[<http://www.jil.go.jp/english/archives/bulletin/>]

"A monthly journal published by the Japan Institute of Labour, which introduces up-to-date labor issues in Japan with a special topic featured in each issue." The title of the publication changed to *Japan Labor Review* after 2013.

- [Japan Labor Review](#) Winter 2004-

[<http://www.jil.go.jp/english/JLR>]

Continues Japan Labor Bulletin, "this is a quarterly journal of research in the field of labor studies", it is published by the Japan Institute of Labour Policy and Training (JIPT) which is the successor of Japan Institute of Labor (JIL). Articles are selected, edited, and published by the Institute for the purpose of providing information on Japanese labor issues to the overseas readers.

- [Japanese Journal of Religious Studies](#) 1974-

[<http://nirc.nanzan-u.ac.jp/en/publications/jjrs>]

A semi-annual journal dedicated to the academic study of Japanese religions. First published in 1960 as [Contemporary Religions in Japan](#), changed to present name in 1974, and taken over by the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture in

1981. Additional relevant resources and activities are available at the [Nanzan Institute's home page](#).

- [Japan Review](#) 1996-

[<http://shinku.nichibun.ac.jp/jpub/jr/top2.php?lan=EN>]

An annual publication of articles, research notes and other works on Japanese culture and civilization written by scholars and visiting scholars at the International Research Center for Japanese Studies in Kyoto, Japan. A referred English-language journal. Author and keyword search available. Choose “**Search by general list**” to browse journal issues.

- [Nikkei Asian Review](#) 2013-

[<http://asia.nikkei.com>]

The only Asia-focused English-language print publication that provides business, finance, economic and political reports and analysis of Japan and the region. Back issue contents from Nov. 21, 2013 are also available.

- [Nipponia: Discovering Japan](#) 2001-2008

[<http://web-japan.org/nipponia/archives/en/index.html>]

A quarterly journal on modern Japan and its popular culture. Publication ceased in 2009.

- [Niponica: Discovering Japan](#), 2012-

[http://web-japan.org/niponica/index_ja.html]

Continues Nipponia, this quarterly online magazine introduces modern Japan to people all over the world, published by the Office of Foreign Affairs.

Current issue, 2017, no. 21 has a special feature on Japan's cutting-edge Pop.

- [Social Science Japan Newsletter](#) 1994-

[<http://newslet.iss.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>]

"The English-language newsletter of the Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo; Provides concise information on key people, important issues, and recent developments in social science research on Japan". Published twice a year.

- [Transcultural Studies](#) No. 1 (2010) -

[<http://www.transculturalstudies.org>]

A peer-reviewed, open-access journal on transcultural research in all disciplines.

Basic Facts / Statistics

- [World Fact Book](#)

[<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ja.html>]

This is the online version of The World Factbook, published annually by the Central Intelligence Agency. Selected data and maps are updated periodically. The site includes information on Japan's geography, people, government, economy, communications, transportation, military, and international disputes.

- [Japan: An International Comparison](#)

[<http://www.kkc.or.jp/english/index.html>]

Prepared by Keizai Koho Center (KKC), Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs. This annual publication is a collection of comparative data on Japan and other nations. It provides valuable information on economy, industries, trade, finance, labor, the environment and education. Current edition is available for purchase. The report and other publications are available for purchase under the section of “We Inform”. KKC also offers Fellowships Program of study tour to Japan for middle and high school social science teachers.

- [Japan Statistical Yearbook](#)

[<http://www.stat.go.jp/english/data/nenkan/index.htm>]

Latest edition is available full-text online, published by Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

- [Statistical Materials for Learning about Japan](#)

[http://rnaivi.ndl.go.jp/research_guide/entry/statistical-materials-for-lear.php]

A guide on the statistical information about Japan, published by the National Diet Library. It introduces major statistical materials on Japan, written in English or in both Japanese and English, in the form of printed publications and Internet resources.

Dictionaries & Language Learning

- [Mango Languages](#) (Subscription-based)

[<http://libproxy.sdsu.edu/login?url=https://connect.mangolanguages.com/sdsu/start>]

A self-learning Online interactive courses for 12 languages including Japanese. There are 4 Course Units of 40 chapters, or 500 lessons for Japanese language learning.

- [Rikai](#)

[<http://www.rikai.com/perl/Home.pl>]

The site allows you to paste a URL or a block of text into the translator, and provides the Japanese reading and English translation one word at a time. Rikai translates from Japanese to English and English to Japanese. It is very useful as a Japanese language aid when reading the Japanese web pages since it can translate words from the Japanese websites into English. However, it does have problems with search engines, and is not recommended to use when searching journal databases.

- [Babel Fish Translation](#)

[<http://www.babelfish.com/>]

Type in a block of text or a URL and press translate to obtain English translation of the text. Great tool for text translation.

- [Online Japanese Dictionaries and Glossaries](#)

[<http://www.csse.monash.edu.au/~jwb/onlinejdic.html>]

An extensive collection of links to online Japanese dictionaries; site maintained by Jim Breen.

- [Bab.la](#): Online Dictionary for 28 languages [[http://www. Bab.la](http://www.Bab.la)]
Free online text translator for English to Japanese or Japanese to English.

Directories

- [Government of Japan](#)

[http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/link/links_e.html]

The site provides information about government ministries and other organizations.

- [Universities & Colleges](#)

[http://www.jasso.go.jp/study_j/schinfo_e.html]

Links to web sites of universities, colleges, and institutes of Japan.

- [University of Tokyo](#) [<http://tinyurl.com/hjxhvt>]

- [Kyoto University](http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en) [http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en]
- [Embassies and Consulates](http://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/mofaserv.html)
[http://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/mofaserv.html]
Prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.
- [Museum Information Japan](http://www.museum.or.jp/IM_english/)
[http://www.museum.or.jp/IM_english/]
- [Government and Non-Profit Organization related Sites](http://www.jpf.go.jp/e/link/index.html)
[http://www.jpf.go.jp/e/link/index.html]

Japan Foundation™ homepage provides links to web sites of government and not-for-profit organizations in Japan.

Images

- [Kyoto National Museum](http://www.kyohaku.go.jp/eng/syuzou/index.html)
[http://www.kyohaku.go.jp/eng/syuzou/index.html]

The museum collects and houses early works of art and archeological artifacts of East Asia with a primary focus on Japan. This site includes detailed graphic and text introductions to some 100 masterworks owned by the museum.
- [Tokyo National Museum](http://www.tnm.jp/)
[http://www.tnm.jp/]

The museum collection is mainly consisted of art objects originated in East Asia. Images are searchable by type of medium, region and time period.
- [New York Public Library Digital Gallery](http://digitalgallery.nypl.org/nypldigital/index.cfm)
[http://digitalgallery.nypl.org/nypldigital/index.cfm]

NYPL Digital Gallery provides access to over 300,000 images digitized from primary sources and printed rarities in the collections of the New York Public Library, which includes many Japanese maps and photographs. Browse images by subjects A-Z under "Japan" or "Japanese".

- [Japanese Old Photos in Bakumatsu-Meiji Period](#)

[<http://sepia.lb.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/unive/>]

An English-Japanese site for a collection of hand-tinted photographs of Japan, 1860-1920, showing foreign settlements, urban and rural scenery, culture, people, in Tokyo, Nagasaki, Osaka, Kobe, and elsewhere. The collection holds over 5000 images in the Nagasaki University Library collection.

- [Meiji and Taisho Eras in Photographs](#)

[<http://www.ndl.go.jp/scenery/e/>]

Contains over 500 historical images from the Meiji era housed in the National Diet Library .

- [Kyodo News Photos](#)

[<http://english.kyodonews.jp/photos/>]

The English language based Kyodo News Agency's collection contains about 30,000 photos back to 1997. All of those images include comprehensive English captions. Searching and viewing are free. For download or use of photos in the publication, review the price list.

- [The East Asia Image Collection](#)

[<http://digital.lafayette.edu/collections/eastasia>]

An open-access archive of digitized photographs, postcards and slides of colonial Taiwan (1900-1945) and occupied Japan (1947-1952). "Includes links to documents, research aids, and image sites."

- [The Tale of Genji](#)

[<http://www.taleofgenji.org/>]

A collection of photographs of the temples, shrines and places featured in Murasaki Shikibu's classic Japanese novel, the *Tale of Genji* and othe Heian-era diaries and chronicles. Mainly around Kyoto and Nara. Last updated in 2008.

Laws

- [1889 Constitution of the Empire of Japan](#) ¹⁹⁴⁶

[<http://history.hanover.edu/texts/1889con.html>]

This is a Hanover Historical Texts Project. The text is translated from the Japanese by Miyoji Ito "from Hirobumi Ito, Commentaries on the constitution of the empire of Japan, (Tokyo: Igrisu-horitsu gakko, 22nd year of Meiji, 1889)."

- [Constitution of Japan \(1946\)](#)

[<http://www.solon.org/Constitutions/Japan/English/english-Constitution.html>]

(Nihonkoku Kenpou)

Promulgated on November 3, 1946. Came into effect on May 3, 1947.

- [Japanese Law Translation](#)

[<http://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/>]

This is the Japanese law Translation Database System from the Ministry of Justice as the result of a project initiated by the Japanese government's project in 2004 to translate laws and regulations into English. The translated laws and regulations are available as unofficial legal documents from this website. The site allows for Law search, Dictionary Search from Japanese to English for standard legal terms.

- [Legal Research Guide: Japan](#)

[<http://www.loc.gov/law/help/legal-research-guide/japan.php>]

Developed by the Library of Congress, Law Library, the Guide provides introduction to Japan's legal system, gives official print and web sources of law, legal cases, and print and web sources of current laws, cabinet orders, various ministry ordinances, and ministry notices. It also provides web links to Japan's legislation, bills, and House committee minutes. Government information and legal resources translated in English, for both print and online sources.

- [Ministry of Justice](#)

[<http://www.moj.go.jp/ENGLISH/index.html>]

- [Supreme Court of Japan](#)

[http://www.courts.go.jp/app/hanrei_en/search]

The website contains English translations of some of the Supreme Courts judgements.

Maps

- [Japanese Historical Maps](#)

[<http://www.davidrumsey.com/japan/>]

Contains about 2,300 early maps of Japan and the World. The collection was acquired by the University of California from the Mitsui family in 1949, and is housed on the Berkeley campus in the East Asian Library. Represented in this online collection are over 600 images of maps and books from the Collection.

- [Old Maps of Nagasaki \(Nichibunken\)](#)

[<http://www.nichibun.ac.jp/graphicversion/dbase/nagasakie.htm>]

This database from Nichibunken includes 221 color photographic images held by the Nagasaki Municipal Museum. Free registration is required to access this database for research. Provides browsing and keyword searching capabilities in both English and Japanese. Also includes lists and bibliographies.

- [Maps of Japan from the Japanese National Tourist Organization \(JNTO\)](#)

[<http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/index.html>]

Includes maps that cover all of Japan, Regional maps and Transportation maps (International Air and Domestic Air Routes, Rail Lines, Ferry Boat and Long Distance Bus Routes). Keyword search available.

News & Newspapers

- [Asahi Shimbun](#)

[<http://www.asahi.com/english/>]

Daily, Japanese Newspaper

[Japan Times](#)

[<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/start.htm>]

- [Kyodo News](#)

[<http://english.kyodonews.jp/>]

- [NewsOnJapan.com](http://www.newsonjapan.com/)

[<http://www.newsonjapan.com/>]

News articles of current one month are available in the archives.

Organizations

- [Association for Asian Studies](http://www.asian-studies.org/)

[<http://www.asian-studies.org/>]

- [Japan Foundation](http://www.jpf.go.jp/)

[<http://www.jpf.go.jp/>]

- [Japan-United States Friendship Commission](http://www.jusfc.gov/)

[<http://www.jusfc.gov/>]

Resources for Educators

- [About Japan - A teacher's resource](http://aboutjapan.japansociety.org/page/japaneducation_home)

[http://aboutjapan.japansociety.org/page/japaneducation_home]

Developed by the Japan Society, a website of user generated content for developing Japan-themed lesson plans for K-12 classes. Also provides a forum for teachers to discuss and share teaching and learning ideas.

- [Japan Foundation / Scholarships and Grants](http://www.jflalc.org/grants.html)

[<http://www.jflalc.org/grants.html>]

- [Japan-United States Friendship Commission](http://www.jusfc.gov/)

[<http://www.jusfc.gov/>]

- [Asia for Educators](http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/)

[<http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/>]

"An initiative of East Asia Curriculum Project and the Project on Asia in the Core Curriculum at Columbia University". The project is "designed for faculty and students in

world history, culture, geography, art and literature at the undergraduate and pre-college levels." Resources include sample teaching workbooks and lesson plans.

- [Asia Society](#)

[<http://asiasociety.org/education>]

K-12 resources for Asia

- [Cross Currents](#)

[<http://www.crosscurrents.hawaii.edu/theme.aspx?lang=eng>]

An Japanese educational site developed by Dr. Pat Steihoff at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, funded by the Japan-US Friendship Commission, Japan Foundation and CULCON. The site contains multimedia materials on the culture and history of Japan and the United States over the past 50 years. Site in English and Japanese.

- [CULCON: United States-Japan Conference on Cultural & Educational Interchange](#)

[<http://culcon.jusfc.gov/resources/guides-to-japan/educational-resources-on-japan>]

The Resources section provides web links to U.S.-Japan related organizations; opportunities for exchanges and fellowships; professional and volunteer opportunities. Also includes educational resources and information guides for Japanese language learning, as well as travelling and living in Japan.

- [Education About Asia](#) [[DS32.8 .E38](#)]

[<http://aas2.asian-studies.org/EAA/>]

Published by the Association for Asian Studies, the journal covers a wide range of topics and time periods on all areas of Asia. A very useful resource for teaching and developing curriculum about Asia, including Japan. Browse TOC to find thematic issues on topics of interest. Examples of featured themes: Visual and performing Arts, Asian religion, Asian youth culture, Popular culture, Business and Economics, Films, and Natural disaster and environmental challenges.

- [National Clearinghouse for U.S.-Japan Studies](#)

[<http://spice.stanford.edu/docs/clearinghouse>]

Originally housed in Indiana University from 1995-2006, now moved to the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University in 2007. The Clearinghouse Internet Guides provide annotated lists of recommended Web sites about Japan arranged by topic for pre-collegiate educators. Japan Bibliographies list resources

for teaching Japanese art, culture, society, history and U.S.-Japan relations; also included is a bibliography on stereotypes of Japan in the United States with lesson plans.

- [North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources](#)

[<http://guides.nccjapan.org/content.php?pid=190471&sid=1597627>]

NCC is a clearing house for Japanese information and a provider of online services. The website provides a wealth of information on programs, resources, and services that support Japanese teaching and studies in North America.

- [Know Before You Go - The Japan FAQ](#)

[<http://www.thejapanfaq.com>]

A complete guide to working, visiting and living in Japan.

- [Japan Manners & Etiquette](#)

[<http://www.thejapanfaq.com/FAQ-Manners.html>]

Do's and don'ts while living in Japan.

- [Japanese Etiquette](#) – Japan Guide

[<http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e622.html>]

Manners and etiquette while travelling in Japan

Web Portals

- [WebJapan](#)

[<http://web-japan.org/index.html>]

Leads to Japan-related websites such as, Trends in Japan, Kids Web Japan, Japan Video Topics, Japan Fact Sheet, etc.

- [Academic Info: Japan Studies Digital Library](#)

[<http://www.academicinfo.net/japandl.html>]

A directory of online resources on Japan studies, including a link to a separate Japanese history web page.

- [Japanese Studies page at Duke University](http://library.duke.edu/research/subject/guides/japan/)
[<http://library.duke.edu/research/subject/guides/japan/>]
- [J Guide: Stanford guide to Japan information resources](http://jguide.stanford.edu/)
[<http://jguide.stanford.edu/>]

A directory of English language online information resources in and about Japan. It is an ongoing project of the US-Asia Technology Management Center at Stanford University.

Websites: Subject-Specific

Arts

- [Virtual Museum of Japanese Art](http://web-japan.org/museum/menu.html)
[<http://web-japan.org/museum/menu.html>]

Includes various articles related to Japanese fine arts (painting, sculpture, Ukiyo-e, architecture & gardens), crafts, performing arts, pastime arts, martial arts and other cultures in Japan. The site is produced for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by Kodansha International Ltd. Click on the History or Site Map button to view all entries.

- [Floating World of Ukiyo-E](http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/ukiyo-e/)
[<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/ukiyo-e/>]

"Ukiyo-e' (translated as pictures of the floating, or sorrowful world) is a showcase of the Library of Congress' spectacular holdings of Japanese prints, books, and drawings from the 17th to the 19th centuries. These works are complemented by related works from the Library's collections created by Japanese and Western artists into the 20th century."

- [Chasing Hiroshige's vision of Japan](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/12/travel/japan-hiroshige-hiking.html?emc=eta1&_r=0)
[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/12/travel/japan-hiroshige-hiking.html?emc=eta1&_r=0]
A traveler's journal following the 19th century Japan's landscape woodblock print artist Hiroshige's footsteps—Wendell Jamieson, from New York Times Travel Section, June 7, 2016
- [Viewing Japanese Prints](http://www.viewingjapaneseprints.net/)
[<http://www.viewingjapaneseprints.net/>]

A website devoted to the appreciation of three centuries of Japanese printmaking with illustrated essays and discussions on selected artists and their designs and techniques of woodblock prints, as well as explorations into various themes in Japanese printmaking." Sections included are: Early Ukiyo-E, Golden Age, Late Ukiyo-E, Shin Hanga, Sosaku Hanga, and Contemporary. Also recommends additional websites on Japanese prints.

- [Asian Historical Architecture](#)

[<http://www.orientalarchitecture.com/>]

Contains thousands of photographs of historical Asian architecture, searchable by country and city. Entries include images, brief descriptions, and bibliographies. Includes photos of historical architecture in Himeji, Kamakura, Kyoto, Nara, Nikko, Shiragawa, Takayama, and Tokyo.

- [The Traditional Colors of Japan](#)

[<http://tinyurl.com/hrjchvx>]

Written by Sarah W and Fiona, the site offers a discussion of four major colors in Japan: red, black, blue, and white in a variety of context, Including Japanese traditional art, fashion and textiles.

- [Color Red in Japanese Mythology](#)

An online dictionary that identifies and provides the meaning of red objects as related to deities in Japanese mythology.

Economics

- [Bank of Japan](#)

[<http://www.boj.or.jp/en/index.htm/>]

This is the website of Central Bank of Japan. It includes information on the Bank's structure, roles, policies and services including many reports and statistics.

- [Japan External Trade Organization \(JETRO\)](#)

[<http://www.jetro.go.jp/en>]

This site offers information that promotes international trade and investment. It provides reports on Japan market, investing environment and business opportunities as well as trade statistics and economic indicators. Also includes information about JETRO offices worldwide.

- [Ministry of Finance](#)

[<http://www.mof.go.jp/english/index.htm>]

- [Annual Report on the Japanese Economy and Public Finance](#)

[<http://www5.cao.go.jp/keizai/index-e.html#aes>]

Available from the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan.

- [White Paper on International Economy and Trade](#)

[<http://www.meti.go.jp/english/report/index.html>]

The Web site of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Garden / Flower Arrangement

- [Japanese Garden](#)

[<http://learn.bowdoin.edu/japanesegardens/index.html?overview>]

This is the Bowdoin College's web site on Japanese historical gardens. The site contains images of many historic gardens of Kyoto, Japan, and provides virtual tours around the gardens. It also includes introduction, historical overview, a section on garden elements, glossary, bibliography and links to related websites on Japanese garden.

- [Japanese Garden Dictionary](#)

[<http://www.nabunken.go.jp/org/bunka/jgd/index.html>]

Based on the Bilingual Dictionary of Japanese Garden Terms (2001), this dictionary is a glossary for Japanese gardens and their history, compiled by Ono Kenkichi and Walter Edwards. It has English and Japanese indexes. Terms are given in kanji and romanized forms, links to English definition, some with illustrations.

- [Ikebana International](#)

[<http://www.ikebanahq.org/>]

Provides a basic introduction to terminology, equipment, materials and history of Japanese flower arrangement. Also discusses various schools of Japanese flower arrangement, and collects an event calendar for Ikebana International conferences and exhibitions, and other activities.

- [Japanese Tea Ceremony](#)

[<http://japanese-tea-ceremony.net/>]

Created in 2004, this is a quarterly updated bilingual website that provides an overview of the history, culture and art of Japanese tea ceremony. Also includes a list of tea classes and instructors outside of Japan. Websites pertaining to Japanese tea ceremony, schools, museum, and online-stores of tea ceremony utensils are also included.

History

- [Bibliography of Japanese History up to 1912](#)

[<http://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/jbib/>]

Prepared and maintained by Dr Peter Kornicki, Professor of Japanese History and Bibliography at University of Cambridge.

- [Japanese American National Museum](#)

[<http://www.janm.org/>]

The Museum's Hirasaki ntional Resource Center contains collections that chronicles more than 130 years of Japanese American history, from the first generation through the World War II period and to the present-day; open to onsite visitors and online through its reference, research and reproduction services. Browse the JANM's Collection Online that features selected highlights from its permanent collection over 60,000 unique artifacts, documents, and photographs.

- [Japanese History](#)

[<http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e641.html>]

From Japan Guide

- [World War II Resources](#)

[<http://www.ibiblio.org/pha/>]

The site collects primary source materials on the Web and original documents regarding all aspects of the war. Includes The Japanese Monographs, a series of 187 studies on Japan's role in WWII, written by Japanese participants in the events at the request of the US Government.

- Pearl Harbor Archives

The following Archives and photo image collection are created by Professor Hidenori Watanave of Tokyo Metropolitan University, based on the book FORD ISLAND December 7, 1941: a collection of eyewitness accounts from the residents closest to the Battleship Row.

- [The Pearl Harbor Archive](#)

[<http://1941.mapping.jp/>]

- [The Pearl Harbor Archive Screenshots](#)

[<http://goo.gl/CzRg4s>]

The following three archives are also created by Professor Watanave on Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Okinawa. Choose English version to view. There are English translations , although the audio files are in Japanese

- [Hiroshima Archive](#)

[http://hiroshima.mapping.jp/index_en.html]

- [Nagasaki Atomic Bomb \(1945\)](#)

[<http://nagasaki.mapping.jp/>]

- [Okinawa Battles \(1945\)](#)

[<http://peacelearning.jp/>]

- [Congressional Declaration of War on Japan \(December 8, 1941\)](#)

[<http://www.law.ou.edu/ushistory/japwar.shtml>]

Available from the University of Oklahoma, College of Law's U.S. Historical Documents home page.

- [Roosevelt's "Day which will live in Infamy" Speech \(December 8, 1941\)](#)

[<http://www.law.ou.edu/ushistory/infamy.shtml>]

Available from the University of Oklahoma, College of Law's U.S. Historical Documents home page.

- [East Asian History Sourcebook](#)

[<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/eastasia/eastasiasbook.asp>]

From the Fordham University. The site includes a section on the use of the atomic bomb during WWII (listed under the 'Japan as a World Power' section). There are many links to documents pertaining to the use of atomic bomb, including material on the decision to drop the bomb, testimony from survivors, A-Bomb museum in Hiroshima, Enola Gay controversy, and photographs. Also includes sections on 'Traditional Japan,' 'Japan Since WWII', and religious traditions.

- [Center of Research and Documentation on Japan's War Responsibility](#)

[<http://space.geocities.jp/japanwarres/center/english/index-english.htm>]

Provides information on court cases, documentation about Japan's aggression in WWII, comfort women, book reviews and links. In English and Japanese.

Human Rights/Gender Issues

- [Human Rights Watch : Asia: Japan](#)

[<http://www.hrw.org/asia/japan>]

Summary and reports are freely available for download, print reports are available for order.

- [Country Reports on Human Rights Practices](#)

[<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/>]

Annual report by the U.S. Department of Justice from 1999 onward; search by year first and by region and country to find Japan related journals.

- [White Papers from the Gender Equality Bureau](#)

[http://www.gender.go.jp/english_contents/about_danjo/whitepaper/index.html]

- [Women in Japanese Society](#)

[http://spice.fsi.stanford.edu/docs/women_in_japanese_society]

By the National Clearing House for U.S.-Japan Studies; Includes websites with information on changes in Japanese women's roles at home and at work since World War II, including changes in family structure. Links to statistical data on marriage and divorce

rates, fertility, and domestic violence; and articles on gender-equity in Japan are also included.

International Relations/Security

- [Asia Matters for America Matters for Asia](http://www.asiamattersforamerica.org/asia)

[<http://www.asiamattersforamerica.org/asia>]

An interactive resource providing information, data, graphics, analysis and news pertaining US-Asia relations at the national, state and local levels. Project on U.S.-Japan relations is a collaboration between the East-West Center in Washington and the Sasakawa Peach Foundation and is part of the Asia Matters for America initiative. The website facilitates learning via country or region in Asia (e.g. Japan), theme, and state/Congressional districts. Major themes currently includes Trade and Investment, Politics and Security, and Education & Exchange. Site is ongoing and continuously updating with the goal to track the importance of Japan and United States to each other.

- ["Maritime Asia", Education about Asia, v.19, no. 2, Fall 2014](http://aas2.asian-studies.org/EAA/TOC/index.asp)

[<http://aas2.asian-studies.org/EAA/TOC/index.asp>]

This issue focuses on the historical on maritime Asia, and current conflict in the East and South China Seas between Japan, China, and Taiwan. Includes papers at the Symposium: Conflict in the East and South China Sea, and teaching resources on the subject.

- [China's Maritime Disputes: InfoGuide](http://www.cfr.org/asia-and-pacific/chinas-maritime-disputes/p31345#/) *Council on Foreign Relations (2013)*

[[http://www.cfr.org/asia-and-pacific/chinas-maritime-disputes/p31345#/> \]](http://www.cfr.org/asia-and-pacific/chinas-maritime-disputes/p31345#/)

Prepared by the Council Foreign Relations, this digital Guide is the best teaching resource on the territorial sovereignty of China, Japan, and Taiwan over Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands. In addition to the expert reports and analysis, the Guide presents an informative video about the disputes and tensions among countries involved. Also includes short videos offering policy options to prevent military conflict. The site provides an interactive map that is useful to conceptualize the scope of the claims in disputes. Also includes graphics, photos and URLs to historical documents pertaining to the region and the islands in dispute.

Journalism/Mass Media/Pop Culture

- [PressNet](http://www.pressnet.or.jp/english/)

[<http://www.pressnet.or.jp/english/>]

From the Japan Newspaper Publishers & Editors Association

The site represents some 150 daily newspapers, news agencies and broadcasters, It includes the Association's bulletin and facts and figures on Japanese newspapers.

- [NHK Online](#)

[<http://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/index.html>]

This is the homepage of the Japan Broadcasting Cooperation run by Japanese government. . It provides news and information on politics, business, culture, entertainments, etc., including many features designed for audience outside of Japan. It contains features for audience living outside of Japan. Information about NHK corporation, its annual reports and summaries of articles published in the NHK Monthly Report on Broadcast Research are also included.

- [Pop culture in Japan](#)

[<http://www.uk.emb-japan.go.jp/en/creativejapan/index.html>]

By the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, this site provides an overview of post-1990 "contemporary Japanese culture in manga, anime, gaming, art, architecture, design, literature, food and fashion."

- [Trends in Japan](#)

[http://web-japan.org/trends/08_culture/pop090327.html]

Online news includes pop culture section. Also has archives for the past issues

Literature

- [Japanese Literature Home Page \(Jlit\)](#)

[<http://www.jlit.net/>]

By Mark Jewel, School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University. The site provides information on Japanese literature with an emphasis on the modern period, dating from the Meiji Restoration of 1868. Includes an overview of Japanese literary history, a concise timeline with representative works in Japanese and English translation, brief biographies of Japanese writers, links to websites, and reviews. Pre-modern Works section includes information about Haikai and Haiku, 100 Poems by 100 Poets, and the Pillow Book Under. The site archives the chronicles of major literary events and news as well as the reviews of Akutagawa prize from 1998 to present.

- [2001 Waka for Japan](#)

[<http://www.temcauley.staff.shef.ac.uk/>]

By the School of East Asian Studies, University of Sheffield. A project of the Japan 2001 Festival that digitalizes a collection of 2001 Japanese poems representing many types of classical Japanese poetry, covering approximately the first thousand years of poetry in Japan. The poems appear in the original Japanese, transcribed into the Roman alphabet (Romanized) and translated into English. They are accompanied by commentary and background material to reflect the society the old Japanese poets lived in, their beliefs.

- [No\(h\) Plays](#)

[<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/japanese/noh/index.html>]

In Japanese Text Initiative collection. Sponsored by the University of Virginia Electronic Text Center and the University of Pittsburgh East Asian Library, the Japanese Text Initiative aims to make the texts of classical Japanese literature available on the World Wide Web. The project has completed digitizing thirteen Noh dramas from the medieval period in Japanese text and various English translations, along with an introduction of Noh and some editorial notes.

- [Japanese Literature in Translation Search](#)

[http://www.jpf.go.jp/JF_Contents/InformationSearchService?ContentNo=13&SubsystemNo=1&HtmlName=search_e.html]

Developed and maintained by the Japan Foundation, the database covers Japanese literary works translated into other languages, mostly after World War II. The data is searchable by author, title, translator, publisher and other terms in either Japanese or roman letters.

Manga/Animation/Films

- [Japanese in Anime & Manga](#)

[<http://anime-manga.jp>]

An e-learning site developed by the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute in Kansai to learn a few Japanese words or expressions used in manga or anime.

- [Manga from Wikipedia](#)

[<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manga>]

Provides a thorough introduction to manga; includes a list of manga titles and manga authors, all linked to pages that provide further information.

- [Manga & Anime: Focus on Youth Audiences](#)

[http://spice.fsi.stanford.edu/docs/manga__anime_focus_on_youth_audiences]

A resource guide with introduction and annotations, prepared by Stephen Merkel-Hess in 2005 as part of the Stanford SPICE project. Includes reviews of manga and anime by age groups. Also includes a list of selected manga and anime websites.

- [Kinema Club](#)

[<http://kinemaclub.org>]

The website of Kinema Club, “an informal group devoted to the study of Japanese moving image media”. The site originated at the Ohio State University, and is now hosted at Yale University since 2014. Provides Japanese Cinema Bibliography of English language books and articles about Japanese cinema, including online articles and reviews. It also provides research and teaching tools such as sample syllabi for teaching Japanese films. Reference links to other web resources are mostly in Japanese language only.

- [Midnight Eye](#)

[<http://www.midnighteye.com/>]

The Latest and Best in Japanese Cinema by Tom Mes et al.

Provides weekly movie reviews, interviews with Japanese directors, feature articles, and calendar of events.

- [Facets](#)

[<http://www.facetsdvd.com/>]

Facets is one of the nation's largest distributors of foreign, classic, cult, art, and hard-to-find DVDs. They search the world for artistically important film on DVD - bypassing many mainstream releases to focus on the rare and the unusual. As a result, Facets' 60,000 title inventory is an astounding dvd collection unlike any in the world, famous for its breadth and diversity. It is good site in locating films you need to purchase. Select "Japanese/East Asian" under Facets Label Tab to locate Japanese films.

- [Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema](#)

[<http://www.netpacasia.org/>]

The site reports of regional film festivals, interviews with actors and directors, Asian film reviews, news, and awards

- [NHK International](http://www.nhkint.or.jp/en/)

[<http://www.nhkint.or.jp/en/>]

The site offers English language TV program descriptions produced by NHK. Portions of the programs are now available for purchase. NHK Video Bank contains high quality digital videos from news items and TV programs. Features 264 programs of Nippon News including historical wartime images as well as the 2011 Japan earthquake and tsunami.

Music / Performing Arts

- [Noh and Kyogen](http://www2.ntj.jac.go.jp/unesco/noh/en/)

[<http://www2.ntj.jac.go.jp/unesco/noh/en/>]

The site presents an introduction to Japan's traditional performing arts, Noh and Kyogen. Also discusses the history and elements of playing Noh (roles of plays, stage and masks).

- [Traditional Japanese Music -- Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Traditional_Japanese_music)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Traditional_Japanese_music]

An excellent site that covers articles on traditional music, theatrical music and court music and instruments, with external links and pictures to theaters, performers and instruments, scores, etc.

- [Traditional Japanese Instruments – PBS](http://www.pbs.org/empires/japan/instruments.html)
[www.pbs.org/empires/japan/instruments.html]

Learn about five Japanese traditional musical instruments and hear the sound they play: shamisen, Koto, Shakuhachi, Tsutsumi, and Taiko

- [Japanese Traditional Music by Nippon Columbia Co.](http://jtrad.columbia.jp/eng/index.html)

[<http://jtrad.columbia.jp/eng/index.html>] [<http://jtrad.columbia.jp/jpn/index.html>]

[Provides a basic introduction to the history of Japanese traditional music. Includes photo images of Japanese musical instruments, and sound files of 20 pieces of music tracks.]—English site not working; only Japanese website available

- [Ian Condry website](http://web.mit.edu/condry/www/)

[<http://web.mit.edu/condry/www/>]

Ian Condry, a professor of Japanese cultural studies at MIT. The site demonstrated how he incorporate Japanese Hip-hop popular songs and musicians, with audio files into his teaching. He specializes in media and popular culture in contemporary Japan and the US. *{The original site no longer exist, however, his publications and MIT projects are worth noting}*

Natural Disasters

- [The Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923: Materials from the Dana and Vera Reynolds Collection](#)

[<http://library.brown.edu/cds/kanto/>]

The earliest photographs of the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923 taken by the Reynolds as their cruise from Hawaii to Yokohama hit by the quake. "The collection also serves as an unique glimpse into the culture of Americans travelling to Asia in the early 20th century."

- [Digital Archive of Japan's 2011 Disasters](#)

[<http://www.jdarchive.org/en/home>]

A collection of the digital record of the 2011 Japan earthquake disasters. This is an extensive archive containing many photographs and related websites. Content available in both English and Japanese.

- [20 Ways to Teach About the Disaster in Japan across the Curriculum](#)

[<http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/03/15/20-ways-to-teach-about-the-disaster-in-japan-across-the-curriculum/>]

Developed by the New York Times' Learning Network: Learning & Teaching with the New York Times. The site provides educational resources and tools, photos, video clips, news articles, interactive maps published in the New York Times on various topics related to Japan's 2011 earthquake. Also includes links to various teaching and learning ideas, resources, and lesson plans developed by teachers.

Politics and Government

- [Japan Policy Research Institute](#)

[<http://www.jpri.org/>]

This non-profit organization promotes public education about Japan, its growing significance in world affairs, and trans-Pacific international relations. Publishes a monthly series of working papers, occasional papers, and the JPRI Critique, which is devoted to reprints of important articles and essays. Also provides access to fulltext

documents of working papers, occasional papers, and critiques. Has Author index, country and subject index.

- [Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet](#)

[<http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/index-e.html>]

As the official website of the Kantei (Official Residence) of the Prime Minister of Japan, the website provides summaries of official speeches and statements made by the present Prime Minister as well as those of predecessors since 1996. It also provides links to related sites including home pages of government agencies, biographical information of the members in the Cabinet and statistics sites. Japanese version of the site provides much more information than the English version, including digest edition of official gazette, white papers, public opinion survey, etc.

Religion

- [A-Z Photo dictionary of Japanese Buddhist Statuary: Gods, Goddesses, Shinto Kami, Creatures & Demons \(1995-\)](#)

[<http://www.onmarkproductions.com/html/buddhism.shtml>]

Developed by Mark Schumacher, the site presents about 1000 digitized photographs of Japanese Buddhist sculpture. Images are arranged in alphabetical order. The site provides extensive links to glossary of terms used for each image. Also includes basic bibliography and timelines.

- [Color Red in Japanese Mythology](#)

[<http://tinyurl.com/hpesj9b>]

The site explores the relationship between red objects and Japanese deities, including graphic examples for each category.

- [Contemporary Papers on Japanese Religion](#)

[<http://www2.kokugakuin.ac.jp/ijcc/wp/cpjr/index.html>]

This series is a collection of recent studies of Japanese religion translated from Japanese into English by Norman Havens, published by the Institute for Japanese Culture & Classics, Kokugakuin University.

- [Encyclopedia of Shinto](#)

[<http://eos.kokugakuin.ac.jp/modules/xwords/>]

Institute for Japanese Culture & Classics, Kokugakuin University, 2005

"The online Encyclopedia of Shinto is the English translation of the Shinto jiten edited by the Institute for Japanese Culture and Classics and published by Kobundo in 1994." Links to video images, illustrations, photographs and sound files have been added anew.

- [International Mission Photography Archive](#)

[<http://digitallibrary.usc.edu/imp>]

From the University of Southern California Digital Library, the archive contains historical photograph from Protestant and Catholic missionary archives in Europe and North America. Images from the 19th to mid-20th century, covering missionary activities in Africa, China, Madagascar, India, Papua-New Guinea, and the Caribbean. Browse/Search by country to view photos of Japan.

White Papers

- [Annual Report on the Aging Society](#) 2002

[<http://www8.cao.go.jp/kourei/english/annualreport/index-wh.html>]

- [Annual Report on Food, Agriculture and Rural Areas in Japan](#) 1998-

[<http://www.maff.go.jp/e/index.html#3>]

On the web site of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (MAFF). The site also contains many other information including monthly statistics of the Ministry.

- [Defense of Japan](#) 2005-

[http://www.mod.go.jp/e/publ/w_paper/index.html]

Annual white papers prepared by the Ministry of Defense since 2005. The Ministry changed name from Japan Defense Agency since January 9, 2007.

- [Diplomatic Bluebook](#) 1971-

[<http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/other/bluebook/index.html>]

Prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

- [Information and Communications in Japan](#) 2001

[http://www.soumu.go.jp/main_sosiki/joho_tsusin/eng/whitepaper.html]

White papers prepared by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications. The Ministry changed name from Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Post and Telecommunications since 2003.

- [Japan's ODA White Paper](#) 1994-

[<http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/oda/white/index.html>]

Prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

- [Japanese Government Policies in Education Culture, Sports, Science and Technology](#) 1963-

[<http://www.mext.go.jp/english/whitepaper/index.htm>]

Prepared by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

- [White Paper on Crime](#) 2000

[http://hakusyo1.moj.go.jp/en/nendo_nfm.html]

Prepared by the Ministry of Justice.

- [White Paper on Science and Technology](#) 1999-

[http://hakusyo1.moj.go.jp/en/nendo_nfm.html]

Prepared by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

- [White Paper on Small and Medium Enterprises in Japan](#) 1997-

[http://www.chusho.meti.go.jp/sme_english/whitepaper/whitepaper.html]

Reports of the Ministry of the Economy, Trade and Industry (METI).

- [White Paper on the Labor Economy](#) 2003-

[<http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/wp/l-economy/index.html>]

Prepared by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.