

## Books at SDSU and CSU

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

A union catalog of more than 10,000 libraries worldwide.

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## Online Databases (subscription required)

Use online databases to find journal articles on topics pertaining to Japan

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

[ <https://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 primarily 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 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](http://search.epnet.com/login.asp?ehost&profile=ehost&defaultdb=aph) (EBSCO) 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*.

#### [Research Library](#) (ProQuest)

[<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](#) *Covering entire run of journals until recent 3-5 years ago*

[ <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*, *Journal of Japanese Studies*, and *Japan Review*.

#### [Project MUSE Journals](#)

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

A multidisciplinary database, coverage often begins from where JSTOR stops. Includes: *Journal of Japanese Studies* (2004- ) and *Monumenta Nipponica*. *Journal of Asia-Pacific Pop Culture*.

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

[ <https://www.proquest.com/advanced?accountid=13758&selectids=10000115,1006522,1> ]

Dissertations & Theses full text database covers citations for dissertations from accredited institutions from 1939 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](#) (EBSCO)

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

EconLit indexes the most sought-after economics publications worldwide, including peer-reviewed journal articles, working papers, books, collective volume articles, conference proceedings and book reviews. Citations and abstracts dating back to 1886; Content indexed from 74 countries; Database includes journals on Asian Pacific economy such as: *Japan labor review*, *Japan research quarterly*, *Japanese economic review*, *Japanese economic studies*, and *Japanese economy*. It also includes full-text book reviews from the *Journal of Economic Literature* (JEL).

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

[ <https://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. Set “Japan” as the Geographic term to retrieve fulltext articles about Japan.

[Communication Source](#) (EBSCO) *Early 1900s to present.*

[ <https://web-p-ebscohost-com.libproxy.sdsu.edu/ehost/search/advanced?vid=0&sid=c7595116-f1f0-4588-976c-5a7e994508eb%40redis> ]

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, including *Journal of Asian Pacific Communication*.

[Education Full Text](#) (EBSCO) *fulltext journals 1996-*

[ <https://web-p-ebscohost-com.libproxy.sdsu.edu/ehost/search/advanced?vid=0&sid=2bc8acfa-3b30-4636-bd6c-ab8bd092147b%40redis> ]

Fulltext database of Scholarly journal articles, trade publications, magazines, /Japan-and yearbooks.

[Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts \(LLBA\)](#)

[ <https://www-proquest-com.libproxy.sdsu.edu/llba/advanced> ]

An Index and abstract database of Journal articles, book reviews, abstracts of books, book chapters, and dissertations from the international literature in linguistics and related disciplines in the language sciences.

APA [PsycINFO](#) (EBSCO) *1887 to present.*

[ <https://web-p-ebscohost-com.libproxy.sdsu.edu/ehost/search/advanced?vid=0&sid=a2cbac78-9409-4c68-a73a-0cf57f897b44%40redis> ]

An index/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-Books (Open-Access)

### [Association for Asian Studies Publications](https://www.asianstudies.org)

[<https://www.asianstudies.org>]

- [The Pandemic: Perspectives on Asia](https://www.asianstudies.org/publications/the-pandemic-perspectives-on-asia/), edited by Vinayak Chaturvedi

[<https://www.asianstudies.org/publications/the-pandemic-perspectives-on-asia/>]

- [Teaching about Asia at a time of Pandemic](https://www.asianstudies.org/publications/teaching-about-asia-in-a-time-of-pandemic/)

[<https://www.asianstudies.org/publications/teaching-about-asia-in-a-time-of-pandemic/>]

### [University of Michigan Center for Japanese Studies](https://www.fulcrum.org/cjs?locale=en)

[<https://www.fulcrum.org/cjs?locale=en>]

The website contains 33 English language open access e-books pertaining to Japan; Free to view and download. Choose “only open access content” option to find open access books marked with an open-lock icon in the search results.

## E-Journals (Open-Access)

### [J-STAGE](https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/browse/)

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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 May 2022, J-STAGE provides full-text content of 3200 freely accessible electronic journals, conference proceedings and reports from 1800 Japanese publishers in 25 subject areas, including Basic Sciences, Life Sciences, Medical and Health Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Interdisciplinary Sciences. Abstracts and fulltext available in English and/or Japanese language. **Browse journals or search articles by Titles or Subject Areas.**

### [Education About Asia: Online Archives](#)

[<https://www.asianstudies.org/publications/ea/archives/>]

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.

SDSU library holds print volumes from 1969 to 2016, 2019- on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Love Library. [[DS32.8 .E38](#) ]

EAA is also published online since 2010. All issues from 1996 are currently open access available from the Education about Asia Online Archives website:

[<https://www.asianstudies.org/publications/ea/archives/>]

### [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**. In addition to featured papers, book reviews, film reviews, and teaching resources essays are useful for curriculum development.

### [Asian Pacific Journal: Japan Focus](#) 2002-

[<https://apjif.org>]

Formerly known as Japan Focus. This is a semimonthly published peer-reviewed free online journal which “explores the geopolitics, economics, history, society, culture, international relations, and environment of the modern and contemporary Asia-Pacific region.” Articles are arranged by geographic regions and broad topics, including English translations of articles published in Japanese press such as: Shukan Kinyobi, Sekai, Gunshuku, Heiwa Kenkyu, and mainstream sources such as Asahi Shimbun, Aera, Mainichi Shimbun and the Japan Times. Also publishes special issues focusing on specific topics, such as: “Fukushima earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear meltdown”, the COVID-19 pandemic, Japanese and American war crimes, the "Comfort Women" controversy, the Japanese Olympics, the legacy of the Peace Constitution, memories of the Asia-Pacific War, art and activism, Meiji history and more”. Select "Course Readers" in the dashboard to find free downloadable course readers for 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 (JIL), 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* with the closure of Japan Institute of Labour in 2003.

#### [Japan Labor Reviews](#) 2004-2017

[ [http://www.jil.go.jp/english/JLR/bi\\_index.html](http://www.jil.go.jp/english/JLR/bi_index.html) ]

A successor to Japan Labor Bulletin, Japan Labor Reviews continues to publish as an English-language quarterly on Japanese labor topics since January 2004 when the Institute changed its name to the Japan Institute of Labour and Training. The journal ceased its publication after winter 2017 issue (Volume 14, Number 1), and continued by Japan Labor Issues.

#### [Japan Labor Issues](#) Vol. 1, no. 1, September 2017-

[<http://www.jil.go.jp/english/jli/index.html>]

A monthly journal, succeeded *Japan Labour Review* (2004-2017) and *Japan Labor Bulletin* (1959-2003), [Japan Labor Issues](#) is published from summer 2017. " a new English language journal by the Japan Institute of Labour Policy and Training (JIPT). It presents research papers as well as the latest information and data on labor in Japan, with the aim to "introduce the recent developments in Japan in the field of labor to a global audience". Print issues ceased with volume 5, no. 30, April-May 2021, publishes online only version since June 2021 issue.

#### [Japan Review](#) 1996-

[[https://nichibun.repo.nii.ac.jp/?action=repository\\_opensearch&index\\_id=165](https://nichibun.repo.nii.ac.jp/?action=repository_opensearch&index_id=165)]

Published by the International Research Center for Japanese Studies. Japan review is a referred English-language journal. containing articles, research notes and other works on Japanese culture and civilization written by scholars and visiting scholars at the Center in Kyoto, Japan. Choose *Japan Review* and change the interface language to English to browse journal issues. Current and back issues hosted on the Nichibunken Open Access Repository website. To access fulltext contents, **change language to English** and select *Japan Review* to browse issues or search by keyword, or author/title/keyword search available from the Repository website.

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

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

A semi-annual open access 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](#).

[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-](#)

[[https://web-japan.org/niponica/index\\_en.html](https://web-japan.org/niponica/index_en.html)]

Continues Nipponia, now published by the Office of Foreign Affairs. A web magazine “that introduces modern Japan to people all over the world”, “featuring a wide range of content - Japanese gardens, traditional crafts, festivals, scenery, pop culture, technology, trains, and more”.

[Social Science Japan Newsletter 1994-2019](#)

[<https://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 until publication ceased with issue no. 60 in 2019.

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

[<https://heiup.uni-heidelberg.de/journals/index.php/transcultural/issue/archive>]

A peer-reviewed, open-access journal on transcultural research in all disciplines. Published by the Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg. Use keyword search to locate contents related to Japan.

## **Basic Facts / Statistics**

[World Fact Book --Japan](#)

[<https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/japan/>]

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](#)

[<https://en.kkc.or.jp/>]

Prepared by Keizai Koho Center (KKC), Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs. This annual publication, *Japan and the World: a pocket guide in figures*, 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, and past year report is downloadable free of charge. KKC publishes *Monthly Keizai Koho* in Japanese. The magazine is available for subscription, issues of past years can be downloaded free of charge. The KKC International Platform is a newsletter forum to discuss new developments, changes, and challenges of Japan and the international society. Forum discussion papers are available in English on the site under “Research & publications”. 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>]

The Japan Statistical Yearbook is the comprehensive and systematic summary of basic statistical information of Japan covering wide-ranging fields such as Land, Population, Economy, Society, Culture. The yearbook covers all fields of statistics published by government and private organizations.

Yearbook 2013 to current editions available full-text online, published by Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

## **Dictionaries & Language Learning**

### [Mango Languages](#) (Subscription Required)

[<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. “Create your Profile” using your SDSU email account, OR, “Log in as a guest” to access.

### [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 it 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](#)

[ <https://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://nihongo.monash.edu/onlinejdic.html>]

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

[Bab.la](#): Online Dictionary for 28 languages

[<https://Bab.la>]

Free online text translator for English to Japanese or Japanese to English.

## **Directories**

### [Government of Japan](#)

[[https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101\\_kishida/meibo/daijin/index\\_e.html](https://japan.kantei.go.jp/101_kishida/meibo/daijin/index_e.html)]

The Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet webpage provides information about, and links to government ministries and other organizations.

[List of Universities in Japan](#) – Wikipedia

[[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_universities\\_in\\_Japan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_Japan)]

### [Japanese University Guide for Students from Abroad](#)

[<https://japan-universities.com/en/categories/universities>]

Developed by Lighthouse, with the goal to connect Japanese American students, Japanese language students worldwide with the Japanese universities, colleges & vocational schools in Japan. This website is a Japanese University guide for students who are interested in attending university or college in Japan. It provides information about Japanese universities and colleges that are actively recruiting students from abroad.

- [University of Tokyo](#)

[<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/index.html>]

- [Kyoto University](#)

[<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en>]

### [Scholarships for Study in Japan](#)

[[https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/scholarship\\_j/index.html](https://www.jasso.go.jp/en/ryugaku/scholarship_j/index.html)]

Prepared by JASSO, Japan Students Services Organization, the site provides financial aid information available to foreign students while studying in Japan.

### [Embassies and Consulates](#)

[[https://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb\\_cons/mofaserv.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/mofaserv.html)]

Prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

### [Government and Non-Profit Organization related Sites](#)

[<https://www.jpfa.go.jp/e/link/index.html>]

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

## **Images**

### [Kyoto National Museum](#)

[<https://www.kyohaku.go.jp/eng/>]

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 permanently owned by the museum. The collection database is searchable by artist name, title, or art category.

### [Tokyo National Museum](#)

[<https://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 period. Collections can be viewed online.

### [New York Public Library Digital Gallery](#)

[<https://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://oldphoto.lb.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/top/en\\_top.php](http://oldphoto.lb.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/top/en_top.php)]

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 7600 images in the Nagasaki University Library collection.

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

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

Contains over 500 historical images from the Meiji era housed in the National Diet Library. “photographs from the end of the 19th century to the beginning of the 20th century” from photographs in publications held at the National Diet Library

### [The East Asia Image Collection](#)

[<https://ldr.lafayette.edu/collections/east-asia-image-collection>]

An open-access archive of digitized photographs, postcards, and slides of colonial Taiwan (1900-1945) and occupied Japan (1947-1952). Collection curated under the general editorship of [Paul D. Barclay](#), of History Department at Lafayette College, Easton, PA.

## [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 other Heian-era diaries and chronicles. Mainly around Kyoto and Nara, the ancient capitals. "The site aims to promote a wider understanding and appreciation of The Tale of Genji. It also serves as a travel guide to the world of Genji.

## [Image Use Protocol \(IUP\) Guide](#)

[<https://guides.nccjapan.org/imageuse>]

Prepared by Fabiano Takashi Rocha, Japanese Studies Librarian, University of Toronto Libraries for the North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources.

The Guide provides best practices for locating and using Japanese visual images for teaching, research, and publications. It gives guidance for North America scholars who seek access and permission to use the images from Japan. Articles on Image use and copyright laws, When permission is required, and Permission request templates are particularly useful.

## **Laws**

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

[ <https://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 \(1947\)](#)

[ <https://history.hanover.edu/texts/1947con.html> ]

(Nihonkoku Kenpou)

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

### [Japanese Law Translation](#)

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

This is a website operated by the Ministry of Justice that provides translations of Japanese laws and regulations. The Database System was developed as the result of the Japanese Law Translation Project initiated by the Japanese government 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](#)

[ <https://www.loc.gov/item/guide-to-law-online/japan/> ]

Developed by the Law Library at the Library of Congress, 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/EN/index.html>]

### [Supreme Court of Japan](#)

[ [https://www.courts.go.jp/app/hanrei\\_en/search](https://www.courts.go.jp/app/hanrei_en/search) ]

The website contains English translations of some of the Supreme Court's judgements.

## **Maps**

### [Japanese Historical Maps](#)

[ <https://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 \(Nichibunken\)](#)

[ <https://db.nichibun.ac.jp/sp1/en/category/nagasaki.html> ]

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 \(JNTO\)](#)

[[https://www.jnto.go.jp/brochures/eng/index.php?pamph\\_category\[\]=01](https://www.jnto.go.jp/brochures/eng/index.php?pamph_category[]=01)]

Includes Travel brochures and 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

### [Pressnet](#) Nihon Shinbun Kyokai (The Japan Newspaper Publishers & Editors Association)

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

This is the website of the Japan Newspaper Publishers & Editors Association. In addition to providing data and reports on “Facts and figures about Japanese newspapers”, it maintains the Association’s membership directory that includes online links to the member’s newspaper site where today’s papers are freely available online in English language. This makes it easy to read some daily news from major Japanese newspapers such as Asahi Shimbun, Mainichi, Yomiuri, Tokyo, The Japan Times. The site includes the Association's bulletin and facts and figures on Japanese newspapers.

### [Asahi Shimbun](#)

[ <https://www.asahi.com/ajw/> ]

### [Japan Times](#)

[<https://www.japantimes.co.jp>]

### [Kyodo News](#)

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

Click on the **Access the free zone** below the Login

### [NewsOnJapan.com](#)

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

## Organizations

### [Association for Asian Studies](#)

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

### [Japan Foundation](#)

[<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/index.html>]

### [Japan-United States Friendship Commission](#)

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

## Resources for Educators

### [About Japan - A teacher's resource](#)

[[https://aboutjapan.japansociety.org/page/japaneducation\\_home](https://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. It “provides a variety of resources, including videos about Japan to educators for use in the K-12 classroom. Resources are organized around the themes of culture, environment, globalization, history, Japanese language, and social issues and consist of lesson plans, articles by leading scholars, and primary source images and video lectures. Through these **classroom ready resources**, educators are able to expand and deepen their teaching on Japan.”

### [Japan Foundation / Scholarships and Grants](#)

[ <https://www.jflalc.org/grants>]

[ <https://www.jfny.org/grants/grants-for-japanese-studies/> ]

From the Japan Foundation, Los Angeles and the Japan Foundation, New York Office

[Japan-United States Friendship Commission: supporting people and partnerships](#)

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

### Asia for Educators

[<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.**" Provides resources including video presentations, sample teaching workbooks and lesson plans.

### Cross Currents

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

A Japanese and English bilingual educational website 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, including podcasts, on culture and history of Japan and the United States over the past 50 years, with highlights on how the two societies interacted and influenced each other. The Website and resources can be explored in English or Japanese.

### CULCON: United States-Japan Conference on Cultural & Educational Interchange

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

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

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

[ <https://www.asianstudies.org/publications/ea/archives/> ]

Published by the Association for Asian Studies in print edition and online open access edition. 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 in print issues 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.

Current and back issues are online and free access. Use the search boxes on the EAA archives website to search by a specific issue of the magazine or by other search criteria, including country, region, article type, and academic field. Each issue focuses on a special theme. Besides featured articles and papers, the journal includes sections of book review, film review, teaching resource, curriculum materials review, and web gleanings.

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

[<https://spice.fsi.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. The Guide can be found under Resources/National Clearinghouse for U.S.- Japan Studies

### [The Japan FAQ: Know before you go](#)

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

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

### [Japan Manners & Etiquette](#)

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

Do's and dont's while living in Japan.

### [Japanese Etiquette](#) – Japan Guide

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

Manners and etiquette while travelling in Japan

## **Web Portals**

### [WebJapan](#)

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

Sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, “Web Japan provides information about Japan including facts, fun and new trends, traditional and

pop culture, science and technology, food, travel, and lifestyle”. As a gateway to many other websites about Japan, the Site divides into four broad areas: Trends in Japan, Kids Web Japan, Japan Video Topics, and Japan Fact Sheet. It also hosts the Niponica web magazine.

### [SPICE Internet Guides](https://spice.fsi.stanford.edu/docs/internet_guides)

[[https://spice.fsi.stanford.edu/docs/internet\\_guides](https://spice.fsi.stanford.edu/docs/internet_guides)]

SPICE is a program of the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies. “Designed for teachers, the **Clearinghouse Internet Guides** provide annotated lists of recommended websites about Japan arranged by topic.” It includes sites with both specific and general information on each topic as well as several sites for each guide appropriate for students to visit by themselves. Some sites provide background information, some provide teaching ideas, and others are just plain fun”

## Websites: Subject-Specific

### Arts

- The [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."

- [The Landmarks of Edo in Color Woodblock Prints \(ndl.go.jp\)](https://www.ndl.go.jp/landmarks/e/)

[ <https://www.ndl.go.jp/landmarks/e/> ]

“Introduces beautiful nishiki-e (color woodblock prints) in the Edo period”

This exhibition presents 484 nishiki-e (color woodblock prints) from the National Diet Library’s nishiki-e collection in the Edo period that picturing 103 landmarks of Edo. The woodblock prints provide “a glimpse of the prosperity and the scenes of the landmarks of Edo and the entertainment of the seasons.” The color woodblock prints can be located on the map of Edo period, or on a modern map; Prints are searchable by keyword or by artist’s name. Description of the artists and scene are given for each print in the collection.

- [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 19<sup>th</sup> century Japan's landscape woodblock print artist Hiroshige's footsteps—by Wendell Jamieson, from New York Times Travel Section, June 7, 2016

- [Viewing Japanese Prints](#)

[ <https://www.viewingjapaneseprints.net/>]

Written by John Fiorillo, the website is 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 and topics on Japanese prints.

- [Asian Historical Architecture](#)

[ <https://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](#)

[<https://www.tofugu.com/japan/color-in-japan/>]

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.

## Economics

- [Bank of Japan](#)

[ <https://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 \(JETRO\)](#)

[<https://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](#)

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

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

[ <https://www5.cao.go.jp/keizai3/whitepaper-e.html> ]

Available from the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan.

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

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

Available from the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry

## **Garden / Flower Arrangement**

- [Japanese Garden](#)

[<https://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>]

This online dictionary is based on the Bilingual (Japanese & English) Dictionary of Japanese Garden Terms (2001), 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.

- [Visionary Landscapes: Japanese Garden Design in North America, the Work of Five Contemporary Masters](#). By Kendall H Brown (eBook fulltext available from the SDSU Library Catalog)

- [Ikebana International](#)

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

Provides a basic introduction to various schools of Japanese flower arrangement. It also collects an event calendar for Ikebana International conferences and exhibitions, and chapter activities and classes by states.

- [Japanese Tea Ceremony](#)

[ <http://www.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

- [Japanese History](#)

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

From Japan Guide

- [Modern Japan in Archives](#)

[<https://www.ndl.go.jp/modern/e/index.html>]

"Modern Japan in archives" is an online exhibition operated by the National Diet Library. Enabling online access by the public to primary materials owned by the Modern Japanese Political History Materials Room of the National Diet Library. The exhibition introduces primary historical sources (letters, diaries, documents, manuscripts, etc. that belonged to politicians, bureaucrats, et al.) related to the 100 years of political history of modern and contemporary Japan, from the opening of the country to post-war.

- [Birth of the Constitution of Japan](#)

[<https://www.ndl.go.jp/constitution/e/>]

As part of the National Diet Library's "Memories of Japan" online exhibition series, the Birth of the Constitution of Japan exhibition presents relevant "documents and materials created both inside and outside of Japan and related to the framing and enactment of the Constitution of Japan." The site contains sections of Archives, Historical Figures, Glossary, List of Documents, Chronological Table, and the Constitution. Documents are digitized from the NDL's collections and made available on the Internet with commentaries.

- [World War II Resources](#)

[ <https://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 and more

The following digital archives and photo image collection are created by Professor Hidenori Watanabe of University of Tokyo, based on the book "FORD ISLAND December 7, 1941: a collection of eyewitness accounts from the residents closest to the Battleship Row". These are "pluralistic digital archives" which are "established with the workings of the archives related to Nagasaki, Hiroshima, and the Great East Japan Earthquake. Information regarding time and space are supplemented to all the testimonials and photo materials, allowing the user to view the video and text for each of the testimonials". The website is devised to allow the user to view the video and text for each of the testimonials

- [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 Watanabe on Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Okinawa. Choose English version to view. There are English translations, although the audio files are in Japanese only.

- [Hiroshima Archive](#)  
[[http://hiroshima.mapping.jp/index\\_en.html](http://hiroshima.mapping.jp/index_en.html)]
  - [Nagasaki Atomic Bomb \(1945\)](#)  
[<http://nagasaki.mapping.jp/>]
  - [Okinawa Battles \(1945\)](#)  
[<https://peacelearning.jp/>]
  - [United States declaration of war on Japan - Wikipedia](#)  
[[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_declaration\\_of\\_war\\_on\\_Japan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_declaration_of_war_on_Japan)]
  - [Infamy Speech - Wikipedia](#)  
[[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Infamy\\_Speech](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Infamy_Speech)]
  - [Japanese American National Museum](#)  
[ <https://www.janm.org/>]
- “JANM is the first museum in the United States dedicated to sharing the experience of Americans of Japanese ancestry as an integral part of US history. The permanent collection reflects the museum’s mission to promote understanding and appreciation of America’s ethnic and cultural diversity by sharing the Japanese American experience.” The Museum’s Hirasaki National Resource Center was first established in 1999. It 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; The collection is open to onsite visitors and online through its reference, research, and reproduction services. Browse the Museum Collections Online under the Collections and Research tab to view over 150,000 unique artifacts, documents, and photographs from its permanent collection. Find Educator Resources and Educator Workshops under the Education tab. Current events include “Returning to California: post-camp stories Sat, June 29, 2019.
- “Revisiting Manzanar: a history of Japanese American internment camps as presented in selected federal government documents 1941-2002” by Kimberley Roberts Parks. *Journal of government information*, v. 30, issue 5/6 (2002) p. 575-593. [[www.sciencedirect.com](http://www.sciencedirect.com)]
  - Japanese American Incarceration Camp research guide  
[<https://libguides.sdsu.edu/JapaneseAmericanIncarceration>]

“The Japanese-American Incarceration Camp Research Guide features collections of primary and secondary sources which elucidate on the cultural, political, and historical aspects of Japanese-American incarceration during WWII.”

## Human Rights/Gender Issues

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

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

Summary and reports by the Human Rights Watch are freely available for download, print reports are available for order.

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

[<https://www.state.gov/reports-bureau-of-democracy-human-rights-and-labor/country-reports-on-human-rights-practices/>]

Annual report by the U.S. Department of State from 2016 to current; search by year first and by region and country to find reports on Japan.

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

[ [https://www.gender.go.jp/english\\_contents/about\\_danjo/whitepaper/index.html](https://www.gender.go.jp/english_contents/about_danjo/whitepaper/index.html)]

Reports are in English

- [Women in Japanese Society](#)

[[https://spice.fsi.stanford.edu/docs/women\\_in\\_japanese\\_society](https://spice.fsi.stanford.edu/docs/women_in_japanese_society)]

A resource guide prepared by the National Clearing House for U.S.-Japan Studies, Stanford Program on International and Cross-culture Education (SPICE). An annotated list of 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/Japan](#)

[ <http://asiamattersforamerica.org/japan> ]

An interactive resource providing information, data, graphics, analysis, videos and audios, publications, 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 Peace 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 include 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. Current special feature: Enter the name of your state in States & Districts block to access information regarding U.S.-Asia interactions in your state.

- ["Maritime Asia", Education about Asia, v.19, no. 2, Fall 2014](#)

[<https://www.asianstudies.org/publications/ea/archives/>]

The special issue is freely available from the *Education about Asia's* online archive. It features on the historical account on maritime Asia, and current conflict in the East and South China Seas between Japan, China, and Taiwan. The issue includes papers at the Symposium: Conflict in the East and South China Sea, and teaching resources on the [subject](#).

- [China's Maritime Disputes: InfoGuide](#) *Council on Foreign Relations (2013)*

[ <https://www.cfr.org/chinas-maritime-disputes/#!/> ]

Prepared by the Council on 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.

Note: "The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is an independent, nonpartisan membership organization, think tank, and publisher dedicated to being a resource for its members, government officials, business executives, journalists, educators and students, civic and religious leaders, and other interested citizens in order to help them better understand the world and the foreign policy choices facing the United States and other countries."

## **Journalism/Mass Media/Pop Culture**

- [PressNet](#)

[ <https://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 World-Japan](#)

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

NHK World-Japan is the international service of Japan's public media organization NHK. It provides the latest information on Japan and Asia through television, radio and online to a global audience. The web site provides news and information on politics, business, culture, entertainments, etc., including many features designed for audience living outside of Japan, such as travel and learn Japanese. 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](#)

[<https://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](#)

[[https://web-japan.org/trends/08\\_culture/pop090327.html](https://web-japan.org/trends/08_culture/pop090327.html)]

In this online magazine about contemporary Japan, of particular interest is the Pop Culture section, which features news and articles about manga, anime, J-pop, and much more Past issues of Trends in Japan are available in the Archives.

## Literature

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

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

The website is developed and maintained by Mark Jewel, professor emeritus at Waseda University, Tokyo. 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 (transliteration) 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.

- [WakaPoetry.net](http://www.wakaPoetry.net)

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

“The contents of this site are produced by [Dr Thomas McAuley](#) of the [School of East Asian Studies](#) at the [University of Sheffield](#)”. Started as *2001 Waka for Japan* project to digitalize 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.” The poems are arranged by anthologies and collections as well as by the poets. As [Dr Thomas McAuley](#) “continued translating more poems, there are now 5280 translated poems, making this the largest resource of translated classical Japanese poetry on the web”. The site also includes a Waka bibliography under Waka Resources.

- [No\(h\) Plays](https://jti.lib.virginia.edu/japanese/noh/index.html)

[<https://jti.lib.virginia.edu/japanese/noh/index.html>]

In the 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. The site last revised in 1997.

- Japanese Studies Spotlight: [Kōgyo: The Art of Noh](https://guides.nccjapan.org/homepage/news/news/Japanese-Studies-Spotlight-Kogyo-The-Art-of-Noh)

[<https://guides.nccjapan.org/homepage/news/news/Japanese-Studies-Spotlight-Kogyo-The-Art-of-Noh>]

Presented by NCC, the North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources. The University of Pittsburgh Library System's Noh collection and their new

online exhibition *Kōgyo: The Art of Noh* is showcased on the NCC's website. The article written by Hiroyuki Good, Japan Studies Librarian at the University of Pittsburgh provides introduction to the wood block prints with the Japanese graphic representations of Noh themes.

- [Japanese Literature in Translation Search](#)

[<https://jpf.org.au/webliographyjapan/japanese-literature-in-translation/>]

Developed and maintained by the Japan Foundation and the Japan P.E.N. Club, 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. Searches can be made either in Japanese scripts or Romanized scripts.

## **Manga/Animation/Films**

- [Anime and Manga Studies](#)

[ <https://www.animemangastudies.com/about/about-us/> ]

“The site highlights announcements and news relevant to the anime/manga studies community, provides commentary on new trends, new issues, and new publications, and presents resources such as the Annual Bibliography of Anime and Manga Studies.”

- [Japanese in Anime & Manga](#)

[<https://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](#)

[<https://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.

- [Glossary of Anime and Manga](#)

[ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glossary\\_of\\_anime\\_and\\_manga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glossary_of_anime_and_manga) ]

- [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, 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. Although the site has retired after 2015, but backfile contents remain accessible, continues to be an invaluable resource for film reviews and interviews.

- [Facets](#)

[<https://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 a good site in locating films you need to purchase. Select "Japanese/East Asian" under Facets Label Tab to locate Japanese films.

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

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

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

- [Cinema Japan Retrospective](#)

[[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFP7OJp\\_RJM7HU\\_0H54GRfQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFP7OJp_RJM7HU_0H54GRfQ/videos)]

A YouTube channel with many classic Japanese films

- Selected books and article on Japanese cinema held in SDSU Library

- [Routledge Handbook of Japanese Cinema](#). Edited by Joanne Bernardi, Shota T. Ogawa, 2021 (eBook access via SDSU Library Catalog)
- [What Is Japanese Cinema?: A History](#). Written by Yomota Inuhiku, translated by Philip Kaffen (eBook access via SDSU Library Catalog)
- Critical handbook of Japanese film directors: from the silent era to the present day (Print book, Available: 4th Floor Books PN1998.2 .J29 2008)
- “*Japanese cinema, the classroom, and Swallowtail Butterfly*” by Colleen Laide. [Jump Cut: A Review of Contemporary Media](#) No. 52, summer 2010 (Open Access)  
[ <https://www.ejumpcut.org/archive/jc52.2010/lairdswallowtail/index.html> ]
- [NHK International](#)  
[\[https://www.nhkint.or.jp/en/\]](https://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

- [Invitation to Nohgaku:](#)  
[\[https://www2.ntj.jac.go.jp/unesco/noh/en/\]](https://www2.ntj.jac.go.jp/unesco/noh/en/)  
“Guidance for Japanese traditional performing arts, Noh and Kyogen appreciation.” The site presents an audio and video introduction to Japan's traditional performing arts, Noh and Kyogen. Describes the stage and performance, the plays and characters, the masks and costumes with colorful illustrations and visual images. Also discusses the history and cultural and regional influence of Noh, Kyogen, and the theatre in Japan.
- [Traditional Japanese Music -- Wikipedia](#)  
[\[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Traditional\\_Japanese\\_music\]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Traditional_Japanese_music)

This site is a work in progress. It covers articles on traditional music, theatrical music and court music and instruments, with external links and pictures to theaters, performers and instruments, scores, etc.

- [Japan: Memoirs of a Secret Empire. Interactive Instruments– PBS](https://www.pbs.org/empires/japan/instruments.html)  
[<https://www.pbs.org/empires/japan/instruments.html>]

Hear and learn about five Japanese traditional musical instruments and hear the sound they play: shamisen, Koto, Shakuhachi, Tsutsumi, and Taiko. Unfortunately, the sound files no longer work currently.

## Natural Disasters

- [The Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923: Materials from the Dana and Vera Reynolds Collection](https://library.brown.edu/cds/kanto/)

[ <https://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. This Brown University “collection also serves as a unique glimpse into the culture of Americans travelling to Asia in the early 20th century.”

- [Digital Archive of Japan's 2011 Disasters](https://jdarchive.org/en/)

[<https://jdarchive.org/en/>]

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

- [Japan’s 3.11 Earthquake, Tsunami, Atomic Meltdown](https://apjjf.org/3-11.html)

[<https://apjjf.org/3-11.html>]

A **comprehensive list** of over 100 fulltext articles published by the Asia-Pacific Journal-Japan Focus. Also includes selected major English and Japanese print and online sources on the 3.11 earthquake and the aftermath; “including the debate over Japan’s energy policy, the future of nuclear power, the plan for the Japan’s Northeast, resettlement and reconstruction and related social issues.

- [Japan Tsunami](#)

[<https://www.theguardian.com/world/video/2011/mar/14/japan-tsunami-amateur-footage-video>]

From *the Guardian* (UK), a compilation of amateur videos of tsunami taken place in Northeast coast of Japan during the 2011 3.11 earthquake.

- [The era of great disasters : Japan and its three major earthquakes](#) / by Iokibe Makoto ; translated by Tony Gonzalez, (2016) (e book available via SDSU Library Catalog)

[[https://csusdsu.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01CALIS\\_SDL/r45sar/alma991023626029202917](https://csusdsu.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01CALIS_SDL/r45sar/alma991023626029202917)]

The book examines modern disaster response in Japan, from earthquake preparations and regulations to immediate emergency procedures at the national, prefectural, and city levels.

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

[<https://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

- [“Reiwa”](#): Japan announces dawn of a new era

[<https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/31/asia/japan-new-era-reiwa-intl/index.html>]

- “The reign of Emperor Akihito, 1989-2019: a history in five key words” by Paul Dunscomb. *Education about Asia*, v. 23, no. 3 (winter 2018) p. 33-38

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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 with author index, country, and subject index under Publications.

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

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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 in archives. 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.

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[ <https://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](#)

[ <https://www.onmarkproductions.com/html/color-red.html> ]

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

- [Contemporary Papers on Japanese Religion](#)

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“This series is a collection of recent studies of Japanese religion translated from Japanese into English by Norman Havens.” Originally published in print by the Institute for Japanese Culture & Classics, Kokugakuin University between 1988-1998. The Institute now presents the electronic text editions, with graphs and photos removed, free of charge

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- [Encyclopedia of Shinto](#)

[<https://d-museum.kokugakuin.ac.jp/eos/>]

The new version of Encyclopedia of Shinto was released in March 2021 on the site of the Digital Museum of Kokugakuin University. The original online version is still available at: <http://eos.kokugakuin.ac.jp/modules/xwords/>. The online Encyclopedia was originally published in 2005 as the English translation of the Shinto Jiten (dictionary) which was edited by the Institute for Japanese Culture and Classics and published by Kobundo in 1994. Links to video images, illustrations, photographs, and sound files were added anew to the online encyclopedia with the last update in 2006.

The 2021 version of the Encyclopedia of Shinto not only contains updated description, images and sound files, but also become a searchable database with new web interface. The site is arranged in the following sections: General Introduction, Kami (Deities), Institutions and Administrative Practices, Jinja (Shrines), Rites and Festivals, Belief and Practice, Concepts and Doctrines, Schools, Groups, and Personalities

- [Shinto Portal](#)

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A web portal developed by the Institute for Japanese Culture and Classics. University encompasses everything about Shinto into a single website, including glossary, books and papers, Pictures, Chronological Tables, and Encyclopedia of Shinto database. Also includes links to other related websites and resources pertaining to Shinto.

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

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On the web site of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (MAFF). Locate *annual reports on Food, Agriculture and Rural Areas in Japan* (2013- ) under

Data/Publications/Annual Reports. The site also contains many other information including monthly statistics of the Ministry.

- [Defense of Japan 2005-](#)

[ [https://www.mod.go.jp/en/publ/w\\_paper/index.html](https://www.mod.go.jp/en/publ/w_paper/index.html)]

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

- [Diplomatic Bluebook 1971-](#)

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

[ [https://www.soumu.go.jp/main\\_sosiki/joho\\_tsusin/eng/whitepaper.html](https://www.soumu.go.jp/main_sosiki/joho_tsusin/eng/whitepaper.html)]

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

[ [https://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/oda/page\\_000017.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/oda/page_000017.html) ]

Japan's ODA (Official Development Assistance)

Prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. The ODA white papers are available since 2001, and from 1994-1999 under its former title as ODA Annul Report.

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

[<https://www.mext.go.jp/en/publication/whitepaper/index.htm>]

Prepared by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). White papers and Japanese government policy documents as follows.

White paper on Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, 2001-2017

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- [White Paper on Crime](#) 2000-

[[http://hakusyo1.moj.go.jp/en/nendo\\_nfm.html](http://hakusyo1.moj.go.jp/en/nendo_nfm.html)]

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

[ [https://www.chusho.meti.go.jp/sme\\_english/whitepaper/whitepaper.html](https://www.chusho.meti.go.jp/sme_english/whitepaper/whitepaper.html) ]

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

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

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