

# Significance of Major Resistance Movements

*Historical Development of Japanese Society*

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# History of Japanese Society

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**There are 5 main period of Japanese Society and its relation to the world during history:**

**1-Prehistoric and Ancient Japan**

**2-Classical Japan**

**3-Medieval Japan**

**4-Early Modern Japan**

**5-Modern Japan**

# Prehistoric and Ancient Japan

This Period is consisted of 4 sections:

- Paleolithic Period
- Jōmon Period
- Yayoi Period
- Kofun period



# Medieval Japan

The period consists of 3 various periods as following:

- Kamakura Period (1185-1333)
- Muromachi Period (1333-1588)
- Azuchi–Momoyama period (1568-1600)





# Early modern Japan

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- **Early modern Japan occurred in a period which is known as Edo period (1600-1868).**

# Modern Japan

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Modern Japan since 1868 up to now is consisted of 5 various periods:

- Meiji Period (1868-1912)
- Taisho Period (1912-1926)
- Showa Period (1926-1989)
- Heisei Period (1989-2019)
- Reiwa Period (2019-)

# Showa Period and World War II

- **In this period Japan was responsible for war crimes as mistreatment of prisoners, massacres of civilians and using chemical and biological weapons.**
- **In this period life for civilians became difficult due to stringent rationing of food and brutal crackdown on dissent.**
- **In 1944 US army captured Saipan and began widespread bombing raids on Japanese mainland which destroyed half of total area of Japan's major cities.**





# Showa Period and World War II

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In 1945 Hiroshima was aimed with an atomic bomb and 70,000 people died which was the first atomic raid of history.

- After that Nagasaki was aimed by second atomic bomb, killing 40,000 people.
- This resulted into unconditional surrender of Japan which announced by Emperor Hirohito and marked the end of Imperial Japan's ultranationalist ideology and was a major turning point in Japanese history.





## Postwar growth and prosperity in Japan

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Although the Japanese economy was in bad shape in the immediate postwar years, an austerity program implemented in 1949 by finance expert Joseph Dodge ended inflation.

The factors located behind Japanese postwar economic success included:

1. Technology and quality control techniques imported from the West
2. Close economic and defense cooperation with US
3. Nontariff barriers to imports
4. Restriction on labor unionization
5. Long work hours
6. Generally favorable global economic environment

# Heisei Period (1989-2019)

Many problems occurred in Japan in this period as follows:

- 1-Stock and land prices plunged
- 2-Banks found themselves saddled with insurmountable debts
- 3-Birthrate declined
- 4-Japan's system of lifetime employment largely collapsed
- 5-Unemployment rates rose
- 6-Economy faltered and several corruption scandals occurred

In spite of Japan's economic difficulties, this period also saw Japanese popular culture, including video games, anime, and manga, become worldwide phenomena, especially among young people.



# Reiwa period (2019–)

**Emperor Naruhito's reign began upon the abdication of his father, Emperor Akihito on May 1st 2019.**



# Major Resistance Movement in Japan

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- **Before world war II Japan insisted on making a wide emperor and was in a wrong way. During world war II people and the government were in a wrong major resistance movement that wanted to make ultra nationalism. Japan sacrificed many civilians and warriors in their wrong way.**

A hand is holding a light-colored card with the words "THANK YOU" written in a simple, black, sans-serif font. The card is positioned in the center of the frame. The background is a rustic wooden table with a warm, natural wood grain. In the upper left corner, a portion of a spiral-bound notebook with a dark cover is visible. In the upper right corner, a white ceramic coffee cup sits on a matching saucer. The lighting is soft and natural, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.

THANK YOU

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