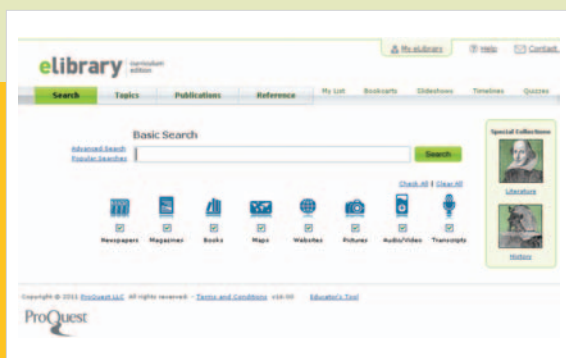




eLibrary[®] Curriculum Edition

Digital media for the 21st century

An All New Way to Research



eLibrary Curriculum Edition delivers 21st-century solutions for 21st-century learners. It brings together an engaging user-centric interface, interactive web tools, multimedia-rich content, and much more.

Users have access to nearly 2,500 full-text magazines, journals, newspapers, transcripts, and e-books—plus nearly seven million images, maps, websites, videos, and interactive simulations not found in any other online reference resources.

eLibrary Curriculum Edition adds expanded coverage of literature, American history, and world history, with comprehensive, integrated collections of critical essays, scholarly journals, and primary sources.

Plus, immediately engage users with contextualized results called ProQuest Essentials. Built around the most-studied and queried topics, each Essential page gathers together best-of content selected to provide a starting point for research.

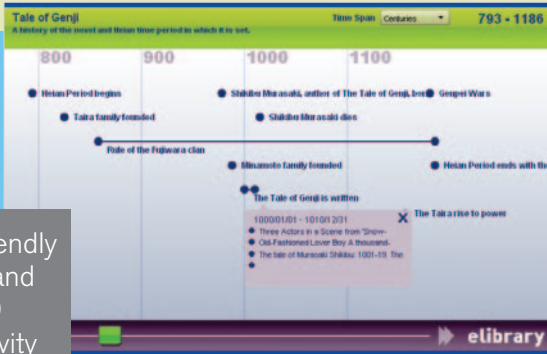
With eLibrary Curriculum Edition, it's an all-new way to research with:

- **An intuitive user interface** that features clear and easy-to-navigate design; and next-generation features common to popular web search engines and online applications.
- **Custom content and personalization tools** such as timelines and My eLibrary, that promote mash-ups and collaboration, and help strengthen 21st-century information skills.
- **Media-rich content** including high-quality images, streaming video clips, educator-approved websites, interactive video and online content that demonstrates concepts through seeing and doing.
- **Smart content** ensures what you need first is what you see first—with best-of content that provides comprehensive, foundational understanding of key topics, and pathways for further exploration.
- **Curriculum tools** that directly support instruction with custom study units and quiz generators; state and national standards correlations; on-the-fly language translations; and Lexiles and reading level indicators.

“Everyone finds eLibrary helpful with its accurate, current, and authoritative resources that can be easily verified...and teachers are excited at the wealth of curriculum-related information available.” —Carolyn Hoye, Librarian, Taunton, MA



Videos. E-Books. Timelines. Journals. Pictures. Newspapers. Websites.



User-friendly search and Web 2.0 interactivity

HISTORY STUDY CENTER

Search for: [] All content [] Advanced Search [] Search/Browse

Home Information Resources My Archive Help

Study Unit

Back to the Archives [] On Site

Tokugawa Japan, 1603-1868

Jump to:

- Introduction
- Background
- Historical Context
- Maps
- Primary Sources
- Secondary Sources
- Journal Articles
- Reference
- Related Study Links

The Tokugawa shogunate (1603-1868) provided Japan with its longest period of uninterrupted peace, and the isolationism of the country during this time allowed for the flowering of Japanese culture. A rigid class system existed during this period, with the samurai (the warrior class) at the apex, followed by farmers, artisans, and merchants. Although Tokugawa rule remained stable over several centuries, its position declined following the deterioration of the government's finances. This social structure and hierarchy also started to break down as merchants grew in influence and some samurai became financially dependent on them.

Towards the end of the 1700s, foreign nations started to exert an increasing amount of pressure. Russia was the first to try to establish trade contacts, although it was eventually America, through the efforts of Commodore Perry in the 1850s, which forced the opening of Japanese ports for trade after signing the Perry Convention in 1854. In 1867-68, the Tokugawa shogunate collapsed after peasant revolts, samurai unrest and financial problems, leading to the restoration of the Meiji emperors in 1868.

Highlights

Subject: Japan, The Renaissance of Culture, Renaissance, Palmer's Full Text Online 22 Jan. 1919 (Page 9 of 1).

In this extract, the author provides a picturesque account of the Russian seaman who was captured and held in captivity by a local Japanese, during a period when the Japanese had few contacts with

History Study Center™ and ProQuest® Learning: Literature cover critical areas of research

Martin Luther King Jr. LIFE AND LEGACY CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER BIOGRAPHIES A MAN WITH A DREAM

Well I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And he's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people will get to the promised land. And I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.

Reptiles

According to fossil records, reptiles first appeared on Earth more than 300 million years ago. In fact, birds and mammals evolved from reptilian ancestors. Reptiles are distinguished from other vertebrates by the fact that they have dry scales covering their bodies... The scales of reptiles differ in structure and development from those of fish, and, unlike amphibians, reptiles have few or no glands present in their skin. Unlike birds and mammals, which maintain relatively constant internal temperatures, the body temperature of reptiles is directly affected by the temperature of the reptiles' surroundings.

Among the reptiles are present-day crocodiles, lizards, turtles, crocodiles, and alligators, as well as thousands of extinct species... The tuatara of New Zealand is the sole living member of its taxonomic order.

RELATED LINKS

- Alligators
- Crocodiles
- Lizards
- Snakes
- Tortoises

ProQuest Essentials jump-start research on key topics with context and pathways for exploration

21st-century solutions for 21st-century learners

Find information by keyword, phrase, or Boolean search; or browse by topic, reference desk, or publication. Target content by popular fields such as Lexile, source type, and date; and then, view, print, or email results in one easy step.

Additional tools like auto-citations, timelines and BookCarts, and My eLibrary help students complete coursework; and give teachers the ability to tie content to curriculum, classroom assignments, and learning standards.



To learn more

For more information, call 800-521-0600 or visit our website at www.proquestk12.com.

About ProQuest

Since 1938, ProQuest has provided innovative solutions that connect people and information. We combine remarkable content with innovative technologies to serve educational needs from literature and social studies to science and technology. As one of the largest providers of digital text and multimedia, our resources are central to researchers, educators, and students in over 160 countries.