

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #22 Historical figures

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INTRODUCTION

Yura: Hi everyone, I'm Yura.

Natsuko: And I'm Natsuko!

Yura: And welcome to Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary, Lesson 22! In this lesson you'll learn 5 essential words related to People

FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Yura: Natsuko, what's our first word?

Natsuko: 聖徳太子

Yura: Prince Shotoku

Natsuko: (slow) 聖徳太子 (regular) 聖徳太子

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 聖徳太子

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Prince Shotoku was a regent and politician who lived during the Asuka period under the empress Suiko. He established a centralised government, adopting systems and culture from continental countries. Two of his successful achievements were the 12 level Cap and Rank System, established in the year 603, and the 17-article constitution, established in 720. -

Yura: Now, let's hear a sample sentence using this word.

Natsuko: (normal) 聖徳太子の肖像画は、1930年以降、7回もお札に印刷されました。

Yura: The image of Prince Shotoku has been printed on seven different banknotes in total since 1930.

Natsuko: (slow) 聖徳太子の肖像画は、1930年以降、7回もお札に印刷されました。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 織田信長

Yura: Nobunaga Oda

Natsuko: (slow) 織田信長 (regular) 織田信長

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 織田信長

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Nobunaga Oda was the man who was the origin of the unification of Japan, and who is known for his innovative tactics. He was also keen to accept new things brought to Japan from abroad, and curious about foreign products. Nobunaga Oda is one of the greatest warlords in Japanese history. -

Yura: Now, let's hear a sample sentence using this word.

Natsuko: (normal) 織田信長は、子供の頃、変わった行動のせいで「尾張の大うつけ」と呼ばれていました。

Yura: In his childhood, Nobunaga Oda was called "the fool of the Owari region" because of his bizarre behavior.

Natsuko: (slow) 織田信長は、子供の頃、変わった行動のせいで「尾張の大うつけ」と呼ばれていました。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 徳川家光

Yura: Iemitsu Tokugawa

Natsuko: (slow) 徳川家光 (regular) 徳川家光

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 徳川家光

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Iemitsu Tokugawa was the third ""shogun"", or hereditary military dictator, of the Tokugawa dynasty during the Edo period. Iemitsu Tokugawa established the domestic ruling system and sealed Japan off from both commerce and communication with foreign countries. -

Yura: Now, let's hear a sample sentence using this word.

Natsuko: (normal) 徳川家光の統治は、劇的な変化だったとされています。

Yura: The rule of Iemitsu Tokugawa is considered to mark a dramatic change in era.

Natsuko: (slow) 徳川家光の統治は、劇的な変化だったとされています。

Yura: Okay, what's the next word?

Natsuko: 坂本竜馬

Yura: Ryoma Sakamoto

Natsuko: (slow) 坂本竜馬 (regular) 坂本竜馬

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 坂本竜馬

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Ryoma Sakamoto was one of the leaders of the rebellion which overthrew the Tokugawa Shogunate and brought about the Meiji Restoration. Ryoma worked as a negotiator for the secret alliance between Chōshū and Satsuma provinces, which had been enemies for a long time. This alliance was the key to the success of the Meiji Restoration. -

Yura: Now, let's hear a sample sentence using this word.

Natsuko: (normal) 坂本竜馬は、長崎に海軍貿易会社を設立しました。

Yura: Ryoma Sakamoto founded a private navy and trading company in Nagasaki.

Natsuko: (slow) 坂本竜馬は、長崎に海軍貿易会社を設立しました。

Yura: Okay, what's the last

word?

Natsuko: 伊藤博文

Yura: Hirobumi Ito

Natsuko: (slow) 伊藤博文 (regular) 伊藤博文

Yura: Listeners, please repeat:

Natsuko: 伊藤博文

[pause - 5 sec.]

Yura:

Hirobumi Ito was the first Prime Minister of Japan. He worked on the Meiji Constitution which was promulgated in February 1889. -

Yura: Now, let's hear a sample sentence using this word.

Natsuko: (normal) 伊藤博文は、合計4回総理大臣に選ばれました。

Yura: Hirobumi Ito was chosen as Prime Minister four times.

Natsuko: (slow) 伊藤博文は、合計4回総理大臣に選ばれました。

QUIZ

Yura: Okay listeners, are you ready to be quizzed on the words you just learned?

Natsuko will give you the Japanese – please repeat it out loud! Are you ready?

Natsuko: 聖徳太子

[pause]Yura: Prince Shotoku

Natsuko: 織田信長

[pause]Yura: Nobunaga Oda

Natsuko: 徳川家光

[pause]Yura: Iemitsu Tokugawa

Natsuko: 坂本竜馬

[pause]Yura: Ryoma Sakamoto

Natsuko: 伊藤博文

[pause]Yura: Hirobumi Ito

OUTRO

Yura: There you have it – five historical figures in Japan! We have more vocab lists available at JapanesePod101.com, so be sure to check them out. Thanks everyone, see you next time!

Natsuko: またね!