

THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE, OXFORD

PRELIMINARY READING FOR JAPANESE

You should do some background reading on Japan before you come up in October. The following books are recommended. Titles marked with asterisks are especially recommended.

General Background

Fairbank, J K, E. O.Reischauer, and A. M. Craig, *East Asia: Tradition and Transformation* (Houghton Mifflin, 1989).***

Frellesvig, Bjarke. *A History of the Japanese Language* (Cambridge University Press, 2011).

Jansen, Marius B. *The Making of Modern Japan* (The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2000)***

Pyle, Kenneth B. *The Making of Modern Japan* (Houghton Mifflin, 1996).

Sansom, George. *Japan: a Short Cultural History* (Stanford University Press, 1931).

Shibatani, Masayoshi. *The Languages of Japan* (Cambridge University Press, 1990).

Shirane, Haruo. *Traditional Japanese Literature: an Anthology, Beginnings to 1600* (Columbia University Press, 2008).

Shirokauer, C., D. Lurie and S. Gay. *A Brief History of Japanese Civilization* (Thomson Wadsworth, 2006).***

Totman, Conrad. *Japan Before Perry: a Short History* (University of California Press, 1982).***

Varley, Paul. *Japanese Culture*, 4th ed. (University of Hawai'i Press, 2000).

Language

Nihongo: Kana - An Introduction to the Japanese syllabary (The Japan Foundation) [This will be sent to you from the Faculty Office in late summer].

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