

The Bakumatsu Period in Documentaries

Sono Toki vs Historia

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Today's Class

- Historical overview of Bakumatsu (manga).
- NHK and history documentaries
- Watching *Sono Toki Rekishi Ga Ugoita* about Hijikata Toshizo and the Battle of Toba Fushimi.
- Watching *Rekishi Hiwa Historia* about Saigo Takamori.
- Final Discussion

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Their fearsome reputation, Kondo replaces Serizawa as leader, hearing of a plot to remove the emperor to Choshu.

June 1864: Shinsengumi arrive in Kyoto

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Shinsengumi attack Choshu and Tosa samurai at Ikedaya Inn.

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Choshu sends an expeditionary force.

They kill pro-Emperor shishi ("men of high principles"). Choshu is furious.

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The Hamaguri Gomon (Gate) Incident. Major fighting, Choshu vs Satsuma and Aizu (who were stopping Choshu from reaching the imperial palace).

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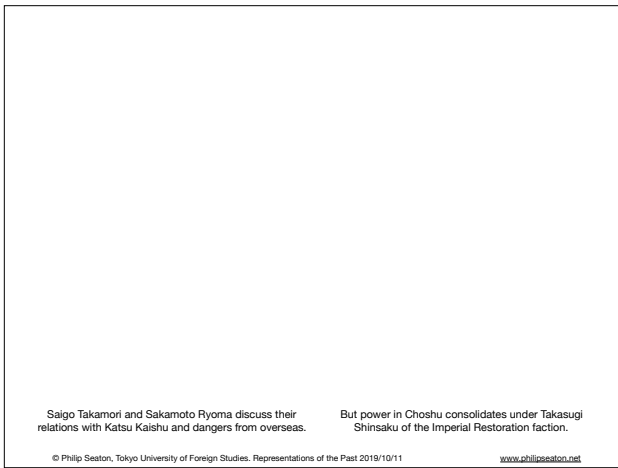
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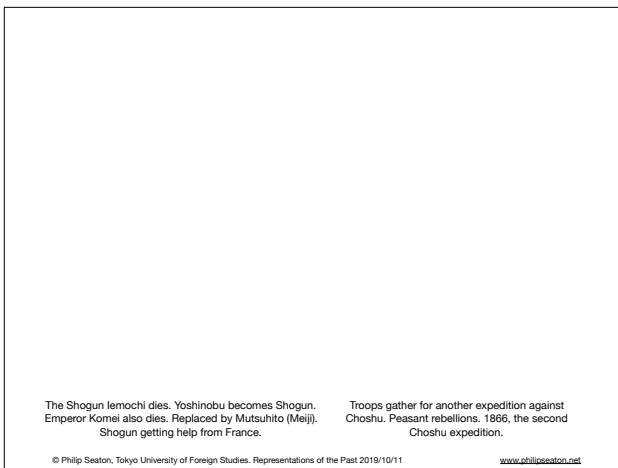
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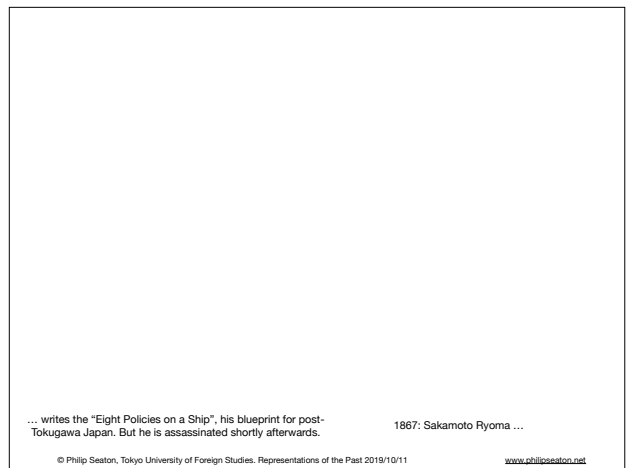
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November 1867: *Taisei hokan*, the return of Shogunal power to the emperor. Satsuma and Choshu are preparing for war.

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Against this background Satsuma and Choshu march on Kyoto. But the court does not have the structures to rule. Having a rethink. [The "Ee ja nai ka" boom among ordinary folk.]

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Discussion

- In groups, prepare a cultural studies analysis of this manga. Then let's discuss. Remember the keywords are:
 - Representation
 - Regulation
 - Consumption
 - Identity
 - Production
 - (Distribution)

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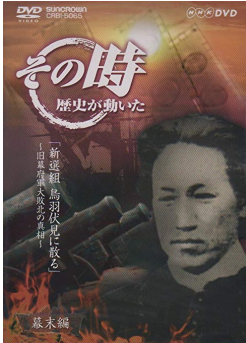
Documentaries

- Now we are going to watch extracts from two documentaries. Before we do, let's discuss documentaries in general using the keywords:
 - Representation
 - Regulation
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Watching *Sono Toki*

- Let's watch a 2003 NHK documentary (excerpts). We will stop after each short section for discussion:
 - Opening sequence (to 00:03:05)
 - Matsudaira Sadatomo in Kyoto (to 00:05:20)
 - Dramatization (from about 00:10:00)
 - Studio guest (from 00:12:20)



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Watching *Historia*

- Let's watch a 2010 NHK documentary (excerpt). We will stop after each short section for discussion:
 - Opening sequence (to 00:01:50)
 - Music and credits (to 00:04:40)
 - Escape with Gessho (from 00:09:00)
 - Photos of Saigo (from 00:14:15)



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Comparison

- Sono Toki Rekishi Ga Ugoita: 2000-2009.



- Rekishi Hiwa Historia: 2009-today.

