

skill with the yumi. It was usually used on foot and could also be used from horseback.

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ANIME

Anime's origin. Anime is generally defined as any form of animation produced in Japan. It could be in the form of an animated TV show, an animated movie, a video game, or a comic series (called "manga"). Anime is aimed at a variety of audiences, and is enjoyed by Japanese, as well as American fans, of all ages. Anime got its start in the early 1900s. Japanese artist Osamu Tezuka is considered the father of anime. In the 1960s, he adopted Walt Disney's style of animation; drawing his characters with large, round, shiny eyes. Tezuka added his own touches (the giant sweat drops, the angry pop-out veins, the stiff falling, etc.) and anime was born.

Anime's impact. Anime has become popular in America because of the many ways in which it is so different from American cartoons. Anime always keeps a steady devotion to reality. Even the most fantastic and out-of-this world anime adventures place a strong emphasis on keeping their characters and situations believable. Typical American cartoons don't try to stimulate a sense of realism in their audience, or make their audience believe that what they're seeing could possibly be real, while anime does. Many of the more "darker" aspects of life such as blood, violence, drinking, sex, nudity, and murder are all present in anime.

Genres of anime. **Shonen-anime**. It is anime for boys at the age of 12 till 18. It appeared in 1964. **Seinen-anime**. It is anime for girls. **Shojo-anime**. These stories tell us about adventures of the young sportsmen, their friends and enemies. The name of this genre consists of 2 words: "sport" and "the strength of will" (konjo).

Kodomo-anime is made for children. **Dobycy** says about men-like creatures with moustache, paws and tails. **Hentai**. Because of this genre anime is not a cartoon especially for children. This is a painted porno. **Hentai** is divided into 2 subgenres: uri and yaoi.

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CHINESE DRAGONS

Chinese culture is very interesting and mysterious. Today I want to speak about Chinese dragons. To my mind it's a worth term of speaking. Dragons are curious creatures... creatures that permeate every facet of almost every culture around the world. Dragons are cunning, wise, resourceful, keen, humble, and of course, frightening. The world over has sought for the modern dragon... a cause maligned due to the arrogance of man... thinking first, dragons are but a myth, and second, that man is the greatest, most intelligent creature on earth. As a result, man has forgotten the ancient dragon spirit... Many legends, many lives... Dragons have survived the wrath of countless centuries, even those before Christ. These survivors, far superior to their "would-be captors", have often pondered this one question more than most...

So, what is a dragon? What do you know about them? Generally most people think of a large lizard. When they hear the word "dragon", however there are many other things which include the word "dragon" in their name that have nothing to do with the mythological creature. This includes komodo dragons (the largest lizard in the world) and bearded dragons (household pets, per se) for example. The various figures now called dragons most likely have no single origin,