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JOMON JAPAN 縄文文化



Value in the past

- Understanding Jomon people's mindsets
- The use of **complex techniques and tools** in the Jomon period to make **intricate decoration** and **geometric designs**
- The ongoing debate of its purpose possibly related to connecting to the **spiritual culture**



Modern Relevance

- Became a source of **artistic inspiration** in the 20th century
- Icon of prehistoric Japan, thus develop **self-identity** for the people in Japan to understand their ancestral roots
- Appears in **popular culture** related to Japanese art culture like Animal Crossing
- Possible **origin of the modern Shinto religion**



KAMEGAOKA BURIAL SITE
LOW-LYING WETLAND

FRONT VIEW OF THE KAMEGAOKA SITE

Context

- Excavated from the Kamegaoka site from the lowland swamps where the area was used as a **dumping ground**
- Thought to be a **symbol of fertility** due to pointy breasts and wide hips
- Used in **ritual ceremonies** during the Final Jomon period (ca. 1000-300 B.C.)



GOOGLE-EYED CLAY FIGURINES (SHAKOKI DOGŪ)



13,000BC

Incipient

Initial

Early

Middle

Late

Final

300BC

Value in the past

- Showed the **food culture** during the Jomon period
- By determining whether the chestnuts were wild or cultivated, classifying the society as **agrarian** or **hunter-gathering**
- Understanding **agriculture technology** at that period
- Chestnuts from earthwork mound: studying the **spiritual culture** of that time

Modern Relevance

- Understand the **change in food culture** over the historical period of a place
- Understand the **change in spiritual culture**
- **Develop people' self-identity** by knowing their ancestry roots.
- **Attract tourists** to increase tourism revenue



CHESTNUTS CARBIDES

Context

- Mainly excavated from **earthwork mounds** which made **offerings** to gods and dwellings with potteries of Ofune site.
- **Whale Bone knives and artifacts** were unearthed nearby.



DWELLINGS
(OFUNE SITE)

EARTHWORK MOUNDS
(OFUNE SITE)



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