

The Arts of Japan

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Prehistoric

Time period: 11th mil. bce- 6th c. ce

Pre-Jōmon and Jōmon Culture

Mesolithic age (c. 15000-3000BCE) that focused on hunting, fishing, and gathering. This name was adopted because of the cord like impressions that were found in the tall tubular ritual vessels that first emerged around 7500BCE. The earlier type of pottery comprises round bowls with smooth, sparingly decorated walls and wide mouths opening to generous interiors. They are uniform in proportion and are produced by punching and kneading clay. They were used for utility.

Asuka and Nara

Time period: 552-794ce

Heian

Time period: 794-1185ce



Figure 1: Early Jomon Period Pots 7000-5000 BCE with impressed rope patterns

Kamakura, Ashikaga, and Muromachi

Time period: 1185-1573ce

16th Momoyama/Edo

Time period: 1576-1868ce