

# 『獣兵衛忍風帖』

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Ninja Scroll

# *Jidaigeiki*

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- Genre of “Period dramas”
- “Feudal Japan” (but mostly Edo period, 1603–1868)
- Allusions to historical figures
- Creation of “alternative history”

# Historical vs. fictional figures

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# Image of a *ninja*

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- *kusa, rappa, shinobi...*
- History vs. popular image



- Edo period: *Ninja* as a violent ruffian or rapist



# Modern image of a *ninja*

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- *Manga and anime*
  - *Sarutobi Sasuke (1968)*
  - *Kamei (1969)*
- *Ninja as a lone wolf*
- Youth oriented, idealized image
- Commercialization of the *ninja*

# Ninja museums, “Ninja villages”...

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# *Ninja and tengu*



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# Ninja and magic

