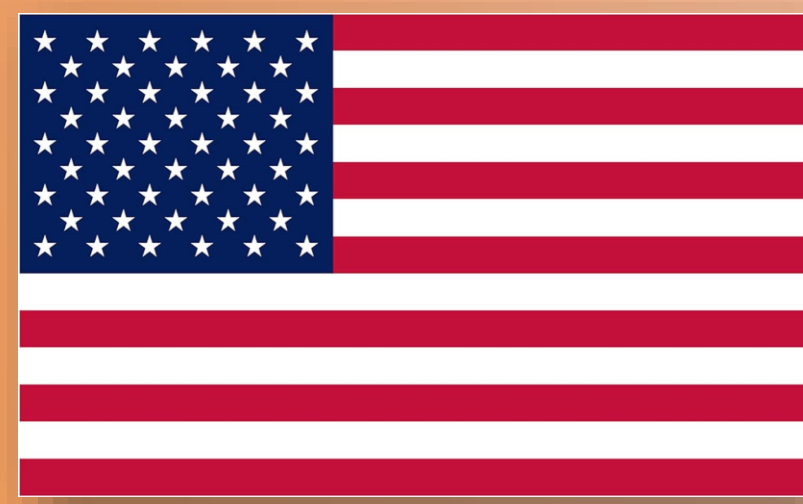
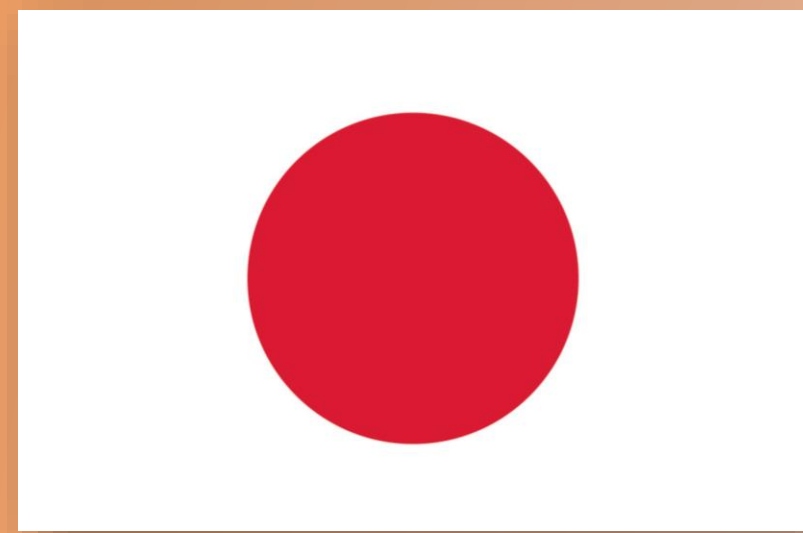
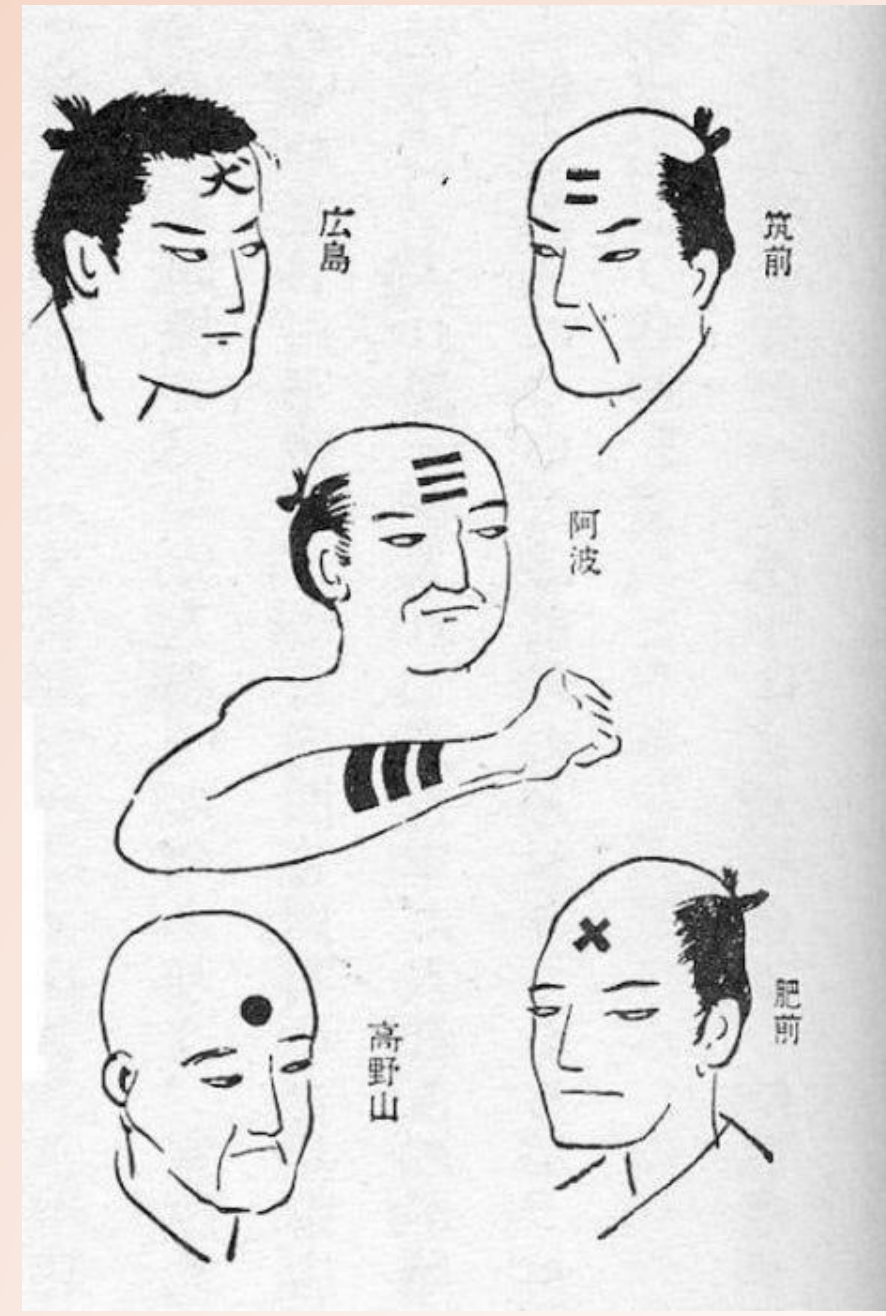







# A Comparison of Japanese and American Tattoos

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History of Tattoos	Changes in Tattoos	Symbolism & Meaning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form of punishment for criminals (Rusinakova, 2019)</li> <li>Crimes were tattooed on the criminal for society to see (Rusinakova, 2019)</li> </ul>  <p><a href="https://medium.com/@sshafiga/the-records-of-japanese-tattoos-5e66853c857b">https://medium.com/@sshafiga/the-records-of-japanese-tattoos-5e66853c857b</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tattoos shifted from single <i>kanji</i> to large colorful pieces; trademark of <i>yakuza</i> to show loyalty and pride (Rusinakova, 2019)</li> <li>Stigma still present, but more positive and fashion-oriented (Rusinakova, 2019)</li> </ul>  <p><a href="https://tattmag.com/japanese-tattoos-history-meanings-symbolism-designs">Japanese Tattoos: History, Meanings, Symbolism &amp; Designs (tattmag.com)</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gods and mythical creatures involving nature and color (Ashcraft &amp; Benny, 2016)</li> <li>Large pieces that incorporate many aspects (Ashcraft &amp; Benny, 2016)</li> </ul>  <p><a href="https://www.compulsivecontents.com/detail-event/tattoos-and-the-yakuza/">https://www.compulsivecontents.com/detail-event/tattoos-and-the-yakuza/</a></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduced via trade vessels and piracy; source of pride among sailors (Bell, 2004)</li> <li>Associated with low and working class (Bell, 2004)</li> </ul>  <p><a href="https://www.historynet.com/sailor-tattoos-through-the-ages/">https://www.historynet.com/sailor-tattoos-through-the-ages/</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invention of tattoo gun led to more popularity among middle and upper class</li> <li>Became a show of rebellion (Bell, 2004), fashion statement (Owens et al., 2023), reflection of personality (Rusinakova, 2019)</li> </ul>  <p><a href="https://tattoo-journal.com/30-different-popular-kinds-of-tattoo-guns-for-artists-2019">30 Different Popular Kinds of Tattoo Guns for Artists (2019) (tattoo-journal.com)</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature and love are a major symbol of American tattoos (Owens et al., 2023)</li> <li>Some have negative meaning (Ryan, 2023)</li> <li>Tattoos are more specific, subjective, and singular</li> </ul>  <p><a href="https://alexie.co/11-american-traditional-eagle-tattoo-ideas-that-will-blow-your-mind/">11+ American Traditional Eagle Tattoo Ideas That Will Blow Your Mind! (alexie.co)</a></p>

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