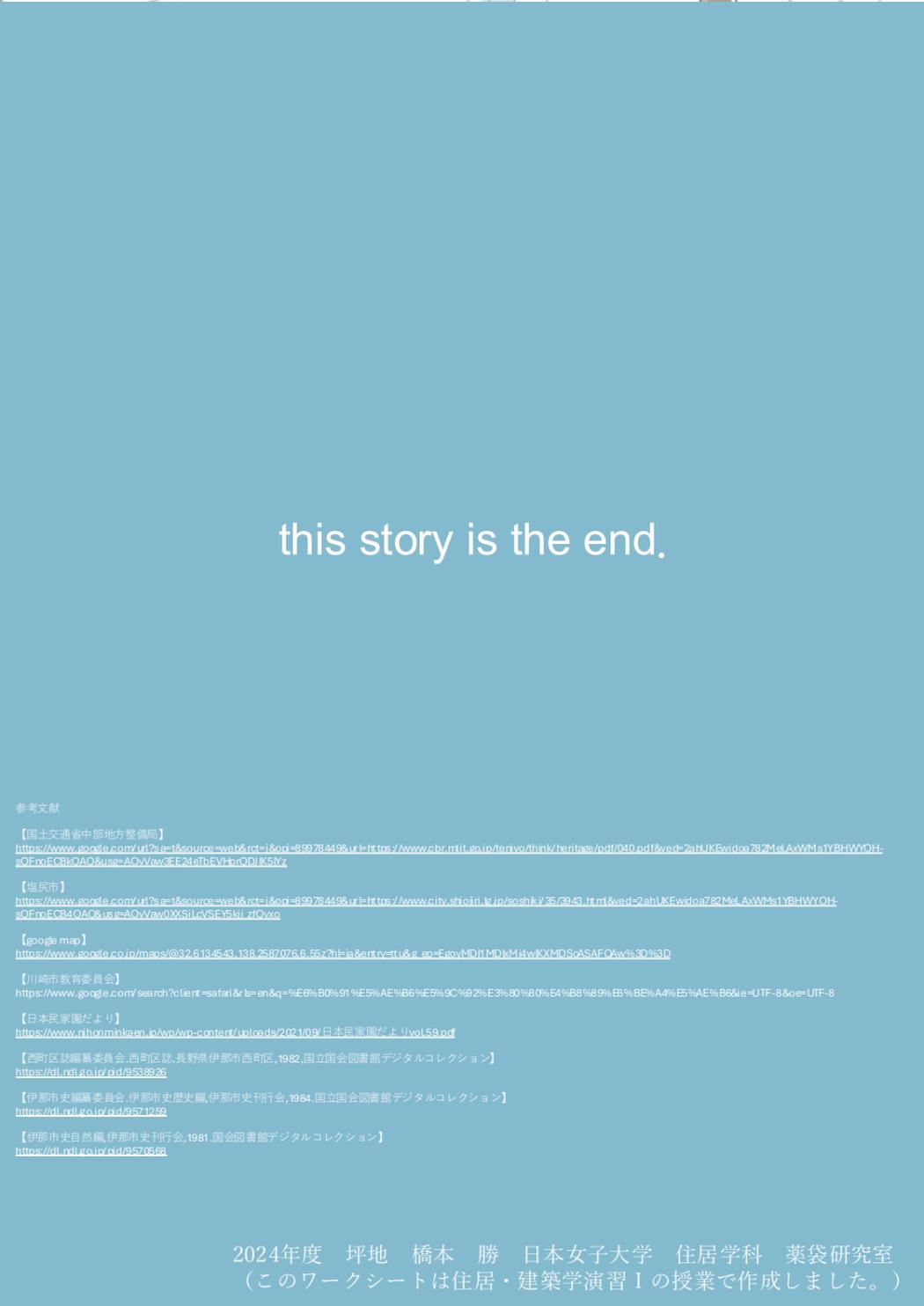




While Taro was strolling around the former location of Misawa's house, an elderly lady came walking from the other side.



Taro was interested in Misawa's house, He headed for Nagano Prefecture. Let's learn about the Misawa house and its surrounding geography together with Taro!



this story is the end.



Welcome to Misawa House !

Taro, a university student, visited Misawa's House" at Kawasaki-shiritu-nihon-minkaenn.

Minkanenn is an open-air museum that relocates and exhibits cultural asset buildings from the Edo period.

One of them, Misawa's House, is located in Ina City, Nagano Prefecture.

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Let's learn about Misawa's house.

- One of Gokaido (answer to Q3)
- Ina Highway
- Tenryu-river
- Okayamichioiwake

Hello. I haven't seen you around here before. Have you moved in?

Hello. I am interested in the Misawa family and came to visit.

Excellent. Shall I explain to you about Misawa's house and this area?

I am glad to hear that!

Q1 Question.
What kind of business did the Misawa family have?
a) apothecary b) bookstore c) fish wholesaler

I heard they were running an inn...

The answer is in the conversation in Q2.

Is it Nakasen-do because it is near Nagano Prefecture?

Great answer! Excellent! It seems that the place where Nakasendo began, Nihonbashi, had a thriving apothecary business. I don't know the details of that period either, but I think they must have paid attention to the medicine business in Nihonbashi and opened an apothecary.

That may be so. Apothecaries are an important role now and in the past. So does that mean they are built in a safe place?

Actually, it looks like there was a lot of flooding. But Misawa's house seemed to be less at risk.

Q4 Let's look at the map and see why.

The answer is in the conversation in Q5.

The correct answer is a), the apothecary. You are right, they also had an inn.

I see! Why did they have an apothecary when they also had an inn?

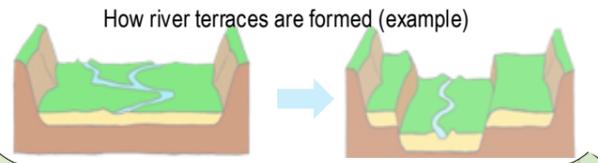
Q2 Let's think about it together!
The Misawa family faces the Ina Highway, right?
What role did the Ina Highway play?

The answer is in the conversation in Q3.

Let's write down your thoughts.

Does the topography have anything to do with it?

That's right! The reason is that the house was located on a river terrace. A river terrace is a terraced terrain created by alternating erosion and sedimentation, and since the Misawa House was built on this high terrain, it is thought that there was little risk of flooding.



What is the name of the river near Misawa's house?

Q5 I think it was also known as the Rampaging River.
What do you think the name of the river is?
a) Tenryu River b) Amagyo River c) Tensei River

The answer is in the conversation in Q6.

I think it was for supplies. I think.

I'm sure it had many uses, but transporting goods was one of the right ones!

During the Edo period, farmers in Shinshu used the backs of their horses to transport goods, which is why it was also called "Chuma-no-michi" (the road of horses in the middle of the country). Furthermore, Ina-kaido is connected to the Gokaido.

Q3 Which of Gokaido do you think it is?
Look at the map and think about it.

The answer is in the conversation in Q4.

Is it the Tenryu River?

Correct answer! A raging river is a river that is prone to flooding when it rains, causing great damage.

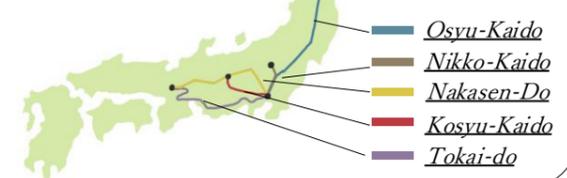
Was there any damage other than flooding?

Q6 Let's examine the damage by looking at the map.
The clue is the mountains!
Which of the following is the "most" appropriate characteristic of this region?
a) Relatively light winds b) Hot and humid c) Heavy snowfall!

The answer is in the next conversation.

Gokaido

- Established by Ieyasu Tokugawa in the Edo period.
- An important highway for governing the country.



Is it because the wind is relatively weak?

That's right! It looks like the wind was relatively weak because it was blocked by high mountains to the east and west.

I see! I now have a better understanding of the area around the Misawa family. I can find out so much information from a map. Maybe I should look into my own neighborhood!

I urge you to do so!

continuation

Mountains including Kitadake, the second highest mountain in Japan



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