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# Manga exhibition is British Museum's biggest show

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Manga - the Japanese art of comic books - has greatly risen in popularity worldwide in the past few decades. The art form can trace its roots back nearly 1,000 years in Japan but it is only in recent times that it has taken off globally. Manga is now as synonymous

with Japan as sushi, geisha and Mt Fuji. Such is the popularity of manga outside Japan, an exhibition of manga works proved to be the most popular show at the British Museum in 2019. It attracted more visitors than a show on the Dutch painter Rembrandt. The manga exhibition was the largest display of manga material ever assembled outside Japan. Around 1,920 people paid to see it every day, according to the museum.

The manga exhibition showcased the 900-year history of the art. It included the earliest forms of manga by master painters to sketches and illustrations of today's popular anime and video game characters such as Pokemon. There were also exhibits from animated films known as "anime". The show included 70 manga series, including Osamu Tezuka's seminal work "Astro Boy". Hartwig Fischer, director of the British Museum, said: "Manga is the modern graphic art of storytelling first perfected in Japan and is now loved all over the world. Building on Japan's centuries-old tradition, the best manga have the visual power to excite us and draw us into their world, with inventive storylines that engage our emotions."

Sources:

telegraph.co.uk / theartnewspaper.com / japantimes.co.jp

## Writing

Looking at art in museums is better than looking at it online. Discuss.

#### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

manga / comic books / popularity / worldwide / sushi / museum / popular / material / exhibition / art / painter / anime / Pokemon / storytelling / tradition / power / draw

#### True / False

- a) The article said manga has risen in popularity worldwide this year. T / F
- b) The origins of manga go back almost 1,000 years. T / F
- c) A manga exhibition is the British Museum's biggest show this year. T / F
- d) Over 2,000 people a day went to see the manga exhibition. T / F
- e) The manga exhibition included sketches of Pokemon characters. T / F
- f) The manga exhibition included exhibits from 70 manga series. T / F
- g) The British Museum's director said manga was first perfected in China. T / F
- h) The director said manga has storylines that are inventive. T / F

## Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

1.	greativ
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a. influential

2. trace

b. pulled in

3. taken off

c. refined

4. attracted

d. put together

5. assembled

e. track down

6. included

f. items

7. exhibits

g. comprised

8. seminal

h. considerably

9. perfected

i. captivated

10. engaged

j. become popular

#### Discussion - Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What do you think of the art forms from your country?
- c) Who are your favourite artists?
- d) What do you think of Pokemon?
- e) What do you think of Japanese anime?
- f) Do you prefer comic books or novels?
- g) What is the best museum exhibition you have seen?
- h) What questions would you like to ask a manga artist?

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- 1. What's manga?
- 2. When did manga first begin?
- 3. How many people visit the manga museum every day?
- 4. What does the manga museum include?
- 5. How many manga series does the show include?
- 6. Who is director of the British museum? What did he say?
- 7.Do you enjoy manga?

  If yes, who is your favorite artist?
- 8.Tell me about 3 museums in Korea
- a.
- b.
- C.