

# Yokai: An Introduction to Japanese Monsters

## LECTURE ONLINE

- I. What do you know about monsters?
- II. What are Yokai?
  - a. Name Etymology (Kanji Breakdown)
  - b. Kinds of yokai
  - c. Examples of yokai
    - i. Kappa
    - ii. Tanuki
    - iii. Tsukumogami
    - iv. Others
- III. How Are Yokai Born?
- IV. Where Do Yokai Come From (Historically)?
- V. The Edo Period
  - a. Yokai Boom
  - b. Why were yokai popular during this particular era?
- VI. The Arrival of Modernization
  - a. Effect of Western ideals on yokai and ancient traditions
  - b. How they nearly become extinct . . .
  - c. And how they survived.
- VII. Yokai in the Modern Era
  - a. Literature
    - i. Shigeru Mizuki
      1. Artwork
    - ii. Lafcadio Hearn
      1. Kwaidan
  - b. TV + Film / Anime
    - i. Godzilla
    - ii. Superheroes
    - iii. Hayao Miyazaki
  - c. Video Games
    - i. Pokemon
      1. Diagram A-2
      2. Pokemon X + Y
- VIII. Class Assignment
- IX. Why Yokai?
- X. Last Picture + Plug Blog