

対象：3年生（155語）

弘前のシンボル：弘前城

Our Symbol: Hirosaki Castle

日本に12しか残っていない現存天守の1つ、弘前城。ボランティアガイドの谷中さんの話を聞いてみましょう。

Mr. Taninaka is a famous volunteer guide in Hirosaki Park. He is going to explain Hirosaki Castle to foreign tourists.

Tsugaru Tamenobu, the first lord of Tsugaru domain, started to build Hirosaki Castle in 1603. After Tamenobu passed away in 1604, Nobuhira, the second lord, completed it in 1611. The castle tower was a splendid five-story tower, but it was hit by lightning and burnt down in 1627. The successive lords tried to rebuild, but five-story towers was prohibited with the law of one castle per province then. Finally, the three-story castle tower was completed in 1810 by Yasuchika, the ninth lord, as the new turret.

Do you know how many original castle towers remain in Japan? Only twelve. Hirosaki Castle is one of the twelve existing castle towers built from the Azuchi-Momoyama through the Edo Period. Do you understand how important this castle tower is? Hirosaki Castle is the symbol of people in Hirosaki.□

【words & expressions】

lord of Tsugaru domain:津軽藩主 pass away:死去する splendid:壮麗な、見事な
five-story:5層の lightning:稲妻 burn down:焼失する successive:歴代の
the law of one castle per province:一国一城令 turret:櫓（やぐら）
existing:現存する important:重要な

1. 次の質問に英語で答えましょう。

① When was the first castle tower built?

② Why was the first castle tower broken?

③ The second castle tower was built as a turret. Why?

2. 弘前城は弘前の人々にとってどんな存在ですか。英語で答えてみましょう。

3 弘前城以外の現存12天守を調べてみよう。

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