



**Speaker:** General Douglas McArthur oversaw the reconstruction of Japan. With the elimination of the monarchy and the creation of a new democratic constitution, which forbid the manufacturing of military weapons. Being freed from the constraints of having to defend its own borders wound up to be a great boom to Japan. 25 years later after the war, Japan was the world leader in the production of consumer goods. I remember as a teenager everything that was inexpensive was labeled as, made in Japan.

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