Tokyo City of Opposites

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Little City, Big City

- Tokyo is a city of opposites
- Despite being a large city, in actuality Tokyo is comprised of any number of smaller cities/neighborhoods
- One of the most widely-held opinions of Tokyo is that it takes many unrelated things and combines them
 - Modern vs Traditional
 - Young vs Old Culture
 - Short vs Tall
 - West vs East
 - Feminine vs Masculine

Modern Roppongi



Pg. 126, Modern Tokyo, Photo by Kaua

Traditional Asakusa



Photo by Chensiyuan: Senso-Ji temple, Pg. 34

Young vs Old Culture

Short Fuji Kindergarten



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Tall Sky Tree



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West vs East

Feminine Shibuya

- From Tokyo Megacity: Shibuya is the "center of youth culture and youth fashion"
- Nowhere is this more visible than in shibuya-kei gyaru fashion
 - •The term *gyaru* was appropriated from English "gal"
 - Followers consider *gyaru* "both a fashion and a lifestyle"
- This style is recognized and associated with Shibuya all over Japan
- Photo comparison: This picture displays the <u>female subjects</u> in a <u>colorful</u>, <u>urban setting</u>



Photo by Claude Estèbe

Masculine Yoyogi

- Yoyogi's past is very much associated with masculine power symbols
 - War
 - Transportation
 - Large sports competition (Olympics)
- Yoyogi Park is home to the most stereotypical symbols of Japanese "yanki" culture
- Yoyogi greasers over 90% of whom are men – are normal guys who spend their spare time dancing in front of Yoyogi park



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- 1. Fslg
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- 10. "Yoyogi Park Contrasts: The Greaser" by Leonard Correa Luna (Associated with p. 138 of <u>Tokyo Megacity</u>)