

PART 1

Reading Point

What are “holy” places for anime fans?



Introduction and Retelling



- ① *Lucky Star*, a four-panel comic strip
- ② the everyday lives, four high-school girls, 2007, a great hit



- ① *The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya*
- ② one of the most popular, 2006



- ① “pilgrimages”, stories were set
- ② “pilgrims”, “holy” places, “Anime Pilgrimages”



- ① attracted fans
- ② Japan, around the world

Words

- strip [stri:p]
- humorously [hju:mərəsli]
- broadcast** [brɔ:dkæst]
- pilgrimage [pɪlgrəmidʒ]
- location** [ləukeɪʃən]
- pilgrim [pɪlgrəm]
- holy** [həuli]
- 2. *Lucky Star*
『らぎ☆すた』
(美水かがみの4コマ漫画を原作としたアニメ番組)
- 7. *The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya*
『涼宮ハルヒの憂鬱』
(谷川流のライトノベル『涼宮ハルヒ』シリーズを原作としたアニメ番組)

Expressions

1.2 be based on ~ : The TV drama is based on a true story.



Have you ever seen the television anime series *Lucky Star*? It is based on a four-panel comic strip series that was first published in a magazine in 2003. The story humorously describes the everyday lives of four high-school girls. *Lucky Star*, which was broadcast in 2007, was a great hit, like *The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya*, one of the most popular television anime series of 2006.

Many fans of novels, movies, and TV dramas make “pilgrimages”: they visit locations where stories were set. These sites are considered by “pilgrims” to be “holy” places. Anime fans have also been visiting such sites. These are called “Anime Pilgrimages.” The sites have attracted fans, both from Japan and from around the world.

Q1
What is the television anime series *Lucky Star* based on?

Q2
What was one of the most popular television anime series of 2006?

Q3
What locations do many fans of novels, movies, and TV dramas visit?

Q4
Who have the sites of “Anime Pilgrimages” attracted?



カタカナ表記の読みと英語の発音の違いに注意しましょう。

- テレビジョン : television [téləvɪʒən], アニメ : anime [ænimeɪ],
- コミック : comic [kómik], マガジン : magazine [mægəzɪn],
- ドラマ : drama [drámə]

