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Hood, Christopher, P. *Shinkansen: From Bullet Train to Symbol of Modern Japan*. Oxon: Routledge, 2006. Print.

As the Director of the Cardiff Japanese Studies Centre at Cardiff University, Christopher P. Hood is known for his in-depth knowledge about Japanese society. This book serves as a complete resource for the general audience with an interest in Japan, including historical developments of the Shinkansen, its impacts on society, and an analysis of the two-way relationship between the Shinkansen and the environment. Compared to the Takatsu piece, this source offers more statistics about Shinkansen riders, trains, and costs, while adding social concerns about the Shinkansen at the same time.

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Hood aims this article at an audience with a background in Japanese politics, addressing the issue of whether Shinkansen construction was used as an instrument to reach other political gains. He argues that, with the economic developments and increases in population in most cities along a Shinkansen line, there were logical reasons to the choosing of cities in which to build stations. The relevant debate about the role of politics in Shinkansen construction in the past and present sets this source a part from others listed.

Takatsu, Toshiji. "The History and Future of High-Speed Railways in Japan." *Japan Railway & Transport Review* 48 (2007): 6–21. Web.

As a civil-engineering graduate of Hokkaido University, Dr. Toshiji Takatsu documents the full spectrum of Shinkansen developments in Japan. Currently working as advisor to the President of Japan Railway Construction, Transport and Technology Agency, Dr. Takatsu writes about the initial motivations for Shinkansen trains, as well as the construction issues faced up to today. He explains to the general audience the true value of having such advanced, high-speed trains in the small country of Japan. What is also significant about Dr. Takatsu's piece is that it provides examples of how Japan has dealt with environmental issues concerning Shinkansen construction.