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Finally, in the fourteenth century, during the most famous of Chinese dynasties -- the Ming Dynasty -- there was another influx of Chinese. This influx came from two fronts: firstly, the merchants doing business with

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and brought back readings that are referred to as そうおん 宋音, so'on. Rather than a single exchange, this was an ongoing effort, and so とうおん 唐音 readings tend to

span from the late thirteenth century to well into the Edo period (えどじだい 江戸時代,

とくがわじだい edojidai), also known as the Tokugawa period (とくがわじだい 徳川時代, tokugawajidai) running from the seventeenth to the late nineteenth century.