

Using Primary Sources to Clarify the Nanking Incident
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The best approach to understanding the Nanking Incident should be *via* the use of primary source materials.

There are several primary sources that described the “Incident,” which happened in December 1937. The most important one among them is *Documents of the Nanking Safety Zone*, the activity report of the International Committee for the Safety Zone and published by Kelly & Walsh in Shanghai under the auspices of a Chinese Nationalist government agency. Mr. Tomisawa clarifies the situation in Nanking at that time and describes what really happened there mainly through the use of these documents.