Teaching Biography Through East Asian Picturebooks: Korea and Japan January 27 - March 16, 2026

An Online Course for K-8 Teachers









This course for K-8 teachers explores four picturebook biographies that share the lives and experiences of Korean and Japanese individuals. Teachers will gain broader understandings about Korean and Japanese history, society, and culture and discuss the use of these titles in integrated social studies and literacy classroom instruction.

Format: The course will be conducted through six asynchronous, one-week online modules, with: readings on history, culture, and biography that support the featured book; and participant discussion forums on content and pedagogy. Includes three required webinars, Feb. 10, Feb. 25, and Mar. 3 at 7pm ET. The course begins Jan. 27 with introductions. Modules run from Feb. 3 to Mar. 16. A short Curriculum Implementation Plan (CIP) and evaluation are due Mar 23. Participants are responsible for acquiring the four books in advance of the book group start date.

Eligibility: Open to elementary and middle school teachers. Admission is selective, and priority will be given to teachers who can incorporate the books into their classroom teaching. Enrollment is limited to 25 teachers.

Participation is free, with the following **benefits**:

- Access to materials online or via download.
- Discussion with Japan and Korea studies specialist, book authors, and fellow educators.
- Upon course completion participants receive:
 - \$90 completion award
 - Certificate of completion for 24 hours

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