

# TEA News

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updates, and resources

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## TEA Programs

### Announcing New TEA-NCTA National Online Courses Beginning in September!

Application for these courses opens August 18. All courses offer a certificate of professional development hours and completion award. Please see individual course flyers for specifics of each course.

**Online Seminar: *Modern Japan, Part I: Meiji through World War II, September 20 – November 21.*** Join historian Ethan Segal for this four-module seminar exploring significant elements of Japan's political, social, and cultural history from 1868-1945. The course includes academic video lecture, primary and secondary source readings, and exemplary websites for instructional use. Participants will discuss contemporary scholarship on the period as well as classroom applications. Open to secondary social studies teachers. **Flyer and application.**

**Online Seminar: *Chinese Literature through History, Part I: Yuan, Ming, Qing Dynasties. September 23 – November 10.*** This three-module seminar examines literary writings from China's Yuan, Ming, and Qing dynasties (171-1912 CE). Participating teachers will explore important, classroom-applicable pieces of literature that offer windows into Chinese history, society, and culture. Open to secondary teachers who teach about China as part of their required curriculum. **Flyer and application.**

**Book Group: *Japan through Children's Literature: World War II Picture-book Biographies. September 25 – November 30.*** In this book group, K-8 teachers discuss the integration of biographies in social studies and literacy curricula about wartime Japan and human rights. The course considers three picture-book biographies that depict a Japanese diplomat, an atomic-bomb survivor, and a staff person in the Occupation General Headquarters. Includes an author webinar. **Flyer and application.**

**Online Reading/Discussion Group: *Hong Kong on the Brink, September 28 – November 21 (with a break for election week).*** The situation in Hong Kong changes by the day and impacts the world. This three-module, 18-hour NCTA course explores the evolution and current events related to the Hong Kong democracy movement, from the origins of the 2014 Umbrella movement to today. With China scholar Jeffrey Wasserstrom's February 2020 book *Vigil: Hong Kong on the Brink* as a foundation, the class will also consider essays by China specialists, investigative news reports, and podcasts. The course includes a live discussion with the author. **Flyer and application.**

**Online Seminar: *Korea in the Ancient and Early Medieval World (1st c. BCE – 1170 CE)*. October 1 – December 20.** Secondary teachers consider how the Korean peninsula developed into a distinct state and contributed to the greater East Asian region. This study across four periods of Korean history will focus on historiography and examination of archaeological, artistic, and written primary sources for classroom application. **Flyer and application.**

### TEA K-8 Online Workshop Opportunity

**Teaching Korea through Children’s Literature. September 15 – October 6.** Explore exemplary children’s literature about Korea and consider cross-curricular teaching activities for integrating Korea into your K-8 literacy and social studies curricula. Teachers will participate in two synchronous live webinars and one two-week asynchronous online learning module with specialists in Korean children’s literature. **Flyer and application.**

**TEA on Twitter.** Through the fall, NCTA at TEA will be announcing pop-up webinars and live discussions. To learn about these and other opportunities, resources, and news, follow TEA on Twitter: [@TEAatCU](https://twitter.com/TEAatCU)

### Mark your calendars:

- **NCTA Iowa** begins this fall with a new online course for secondary teachers, Modern Japan, carrying Iowa recertification credit. Details in our September E-news.
- **New TEA-NCTA Short Courses Begin in October!** Check our September E-news for information and registration for short courses and film groups: Godzilla, King of the Monsters; Case Studies in Geography of China; and Classic Chinese Films and Literature.

## National Opportunities

**Education about Asia Teaching Case Studies.** The education journal from the Association for Asian Studies is launching a series of case studies highlighting how *EAA* articles are used in the middle school, high school, and college classroom. The case studies will appear in the monthly *EAA Digest* and on the website. The **first case study** appeared in July. You can submit a case study for consideration on this **form**.

### Previously Announced National Opportunities

**Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Awards. Application deadline: September 15.** Nomination/application materials for the 2020 Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award are now available. This award is designed to honor exceptional K-12 classroom teachers in the United States who further mutual understanding between Americans and Japanese. This year’s award will be focused on teachers of Japanese language. **Application.**

## NCTA State and Local Programs

**NCTA-JASP Lecture Series.** NCTA at the University of Pittsburgh and the Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania are presenting a late-summer virtual lecture series on aspects of Japanese culture: ceramics, sake, and tea. The lectures are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm ET and are open to teachers in Alabama, Delaware, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. **Information and registration.**

## Featured Resources

During the pandemic-caused closure, **The Art Museum** at the University of Colorado has been sharing some of the works in its collection, along with directions for close-looking exercises. Included are two Japanese woodblock prints. Find the exercises **here**.

*The Asia-Pacific Journal* this summer published two special issues on “Pandemic Asia,” covering such topics as the Taiwan model, fostering trust in government during a pandemic (South Korea), and anti-Asian racism in the United States. **Part I** covers East Asia and the Pacific, **Part II** Southeast and South Asia.

A new TEDEd animation looks at *A Day in the Life of a Teenage Samurai*. Prepared by Constantine Vaporis, professor of history at the University of Maryland, the animation is accompanied by questions, resources, and a discussion forum. The animation is available **here**.

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