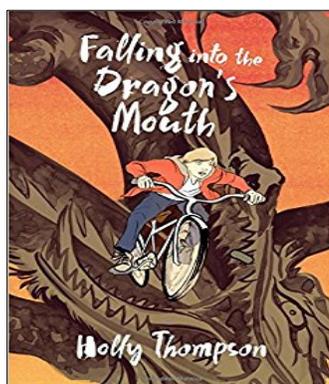
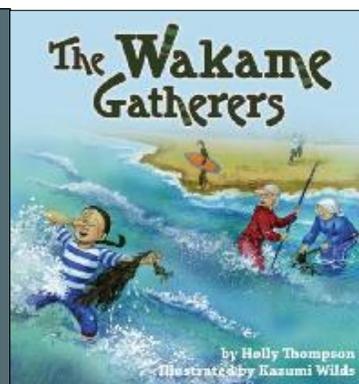


NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA
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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER
FREE FALL 2017 ONLINE BOOK GROUP



Japan through
Children's Literature:
Kamakura,
A Seaside Town



The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) at the Program for Teaching East Asia, University of Colorado Boulder, invites applications from elementary and middle school teachers for this fall 2017 online book group.

Overview: A short trip from Tokyo, Kamakura provides a vivid window into Japan's past and present. As Japan's military capital from 1185-1333, the city was the site of an emerging warrior governance and culture that continued to shape Japan for almost 700 years. Today, Kamakura is a center of aquaculture, and its hills, dotted with Buddhist and Shinto institutions, are a modern-era retreat for Japanese as well as ex-pats. This online course will explore Kamakura (and Japan) through two books—*The Wakame Gatherers* and *Falling into the Dragon's Mouth*—both by children's author Holly Thompson, a resident of Kamakura. We will discuss the history and geography of Kamakura, traditional and contemporary culture, and the lives of children in Japan today. The course will also consider the two books' literary forms and techniques, social studies connections, and cross-curricular classroom applications.

Online Format: The book group will be offered through three asynchronous modules. The book group opens with online introductions, October 6-12, 2017. The three modules run: October 13-26; October 27-November 9; and November 10-28. In early December 2017, a concluding webinar with author Holly Thompson (sponsored by NCTA at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies) and submission of a final paper and evaluation will complete the program.

Eligibility and Expectations: Open to elementary and middle school teachers nationwide. Admission is selective and priority will be given to contract teachers whose curriculum incorporates Japan and teachers who have not previously taken an online course with the University of Colorado's NCTA or TEA programs. Participants are responsible for acquiring the two books in advance of the book group start date. Teachers are expected to participate fully in all three module discussions and the webinar with author, submit a three- to four-page Classroom Implementation Plan (CIP) describing ways to use the books in their teaching, and complete an evaluation.

Participation is free, with the following benefits for full participation:

- Certificate of Completion for 15 contact hours.
- \$50 recognition award upon satisfactory completion of the course.

Apply online at www.colorado.edu/ptea/Japan-Child-Lit-Reg. Application closes September 25, 2017, or when book group is full. Course limit: 20 eligible teachers. For more information, e-mail Catherine Ishida, ishida@colorado.edu.