

NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA PROGRAM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

FALL 2018 ONLINE BOOK GROUP



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 2018 online book group.

Overview: Take a new look at the genre of biography through the lives of three Japanese people! As informational text, biography meets new national standards for English Language Arts instruction. Meanwhile, the genre is also undergoing a creative diversity of formats and elements. This book group will discuss the possibilities of biography in the integration of social studies and literacy curriculum about Japan, through a consideration of three picture-book biographies of a Japanese inventor, artist, and composer. This course for K-8 teachers will explore social, geographic, cultural, and historical aspects of modern Japan.

Online Format: The book group will be offered through three asynchronous modules. The book group opens with online introductions, September 28, 2018. The three modules run: October 5-18; October 19 – November 1; and November 2-20 (extended to include an author webinar sponsored by NCTA at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies). Submission of a final paper and evaluation will complete the program on December 3, 2018.

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 three books in advance of the book group start date. Teachers are expected to: participate fully in all three module discussions and a live webinar with an author of one of the featured texts; submit a 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 16 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 14, 2018, or when book group is full. Course limit: 20 eligible teachers. For more information, e-mail Catherine Ishida, ishida@colorado.edu.