

**NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA
AT THE PROGRAM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA**

WINTER 2019 ONLINE BOOK GROUP FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

Cries from the Iron House: Stories by Lu Xun

January 17-February 27, 2019

A Professional Development Course for High School Teachers

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The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) at the **Program for Teaching East Asia, University of Colorado Boulder**, invites applications for this winter 2019 online book group.

Overview: Lu Xun was a groundbreaking author whose life and writing exemplify the turbulence of China's early 20th century. The stories for this book group are important touchstones in the development of modern Chinese literature. From a madman's rantings to a poor man's understanding of the revolution, they explore the historical and social juncture between tradition and modernity that challenged China. His writings take on social ills, customs, and the desire for a new society.

Online Format: The book group will be conducted entirely through four asynchronous online modules. Participants may buy the book *The Real Story of Ah-Q and Other Tales of China* (available in paperback and Kindle) or access stories for free online. Any additional readings will be provided on the course site. Participants may take part in discussion only or choose to complete the book group for full benefits: a certificate of 16 contact hours and a materials stipend award. Teachers who wish to receive full benefits must participate completely in all four module discussions and submit an evaluation and a three- to four-page Classroom Implementation Plan (CIP) describing ways to use the book in their teaching.

Eligibility and Selection: Open to high school literature, social studies, and Chinese language teachers. Admission is selective, with priority given to grade 9-12 contract teachers whose required curriculum in one of these subject areas includes 20th-century China and who are not enrolling in another winter NCTA course through the NCTA national site at TEA, University of Colorado.

Book Group Dates: The course begins with online introductions January 17-24 and continues with four one-week modules: January 25-31; February 1-8; February 9-15; and February 16-27 (extended for winter breaks). Curriculum Implementation Plans are due March 23, 2019, for those participants wishing to receive a certificate of contact hours and a completion award.

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

- Certificate of Completion for 16 contact hours.
- \$50 Amazon gift card as completion stipend.

Apply online at <http://www.colorado.edu/ptea/LuXun> beginning December 3. Registration is limited to 20 eligible teachers and closes January 9, 2019, or when the course fills. For more information, e-mail parisi@colorado.edu or lynn.kalinauskas@nctasia.org.