

THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA  
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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

FALL 2021 ONLINE SEMINAR

MODERN JAPAN

Part I: Meiji Through WWII  
September 19-November 20, 2021

A Professional Development Seminar for Secondary Teachers



NCTA at the Program for Teaching East Asia announces the fall 2021 national seminar, *Modern Japan. Part I: Meiji through WWII*. This is a 30-hour, eight-week online course focusing on Japan's story of becoming a modern nation and imperialist and global power, from the Meiji Restoration in 1868 to Japan's WWII defeat in 1945. The course will introduce participants to current historical interpretations by leading scholars as well as classroom-applicable primary sources. Each of the four seminar modules will include an exploration of an online primary source resource collection, with discussion of instructional applications. This course is open to social studies teachers of grades 9-12 who teach about Japan as part of their required curriculum. This seminar is Part I of TEA-NCTA's two-semester offering on Modern Japan. Part II, to be offered in winter 2022, will focus on the period from the Occupation through the March 2011 Triple Disasters.

**Online Format and Participation Requirements:** The seminar consists of four asynchronous online modules, each including a video lecture by a leading Japan historian, teacher background reading reflecting current scholarship, primary source and website analyses, and content and pedagogy discussions. Seminar members agree to participate fully in all module discussions, submit a short Classroom Implementation Plan (CIP) describing ways to use the seminar content and resources in their teaching, and complete an evaluation.

**Eligibility and Selection:** Social studies teachers of grades 9-12 nationwide are invited to apply. Preference will be given to contract teachers whose required curriculum includes the history of Japan and who are not enrolling in another fall NCTA online seminar.

**Seminar Dates:** The course begins with a required Intro Period to review expectations and meet fellow participants, September 19-25. The formal course syllabus begins September 26 and continues with four two-week modules: September 26-October 9; October 10-23; October 24-November 6, and November 7-20. A short Curriculum Implementation Plan (CIP) and evaluation will be due by December 6.

**Participation is free, with the following benefits for full participation:** Certificate of Completion for 30 contact hours and \$100 completion stipend.

**Apply online:** <http://www.colorado.edu/ptea/ModernJapan>. Course is limited to 20 eligible teachers and closes September 10 or when course fills. For more information: [lynn.parisi@colorado.edu](mailto:lynn.parisi@colorado.edu).

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