

NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA AND
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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

FALL 2019 ONLINE SEMINAR

**CRACKING THE SAMURAI CODE:
SEPARATING FACT FROM FICTION**

A Professional Development Course for High School Teachers

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NCTA at the Program for Teaching East Asia (TEA), University of Colorado Boulder, invites applications for this Fall 2019 online seminar. This course is open to teachers of grades 9-12 world history, world cultures, and Asian studies nationwide who are not enrolled in other NCTA courses.

Overview: From Hollywood to video games, samurai are among the most recognizable—and most misinterpreted—of Japanese historical figures. What does scholarship tell us about these warriors? How can this high-interest “hook” be used to effectively and accurately explore Japanese history and culture in the Medieval and Tokugawa periods, as well as popular culture today? This history course offers current scholarship, primary sources, and strategies for teaching Japanese history through case studies of samurai over time.

Online Format: The seminar will be conducted through four asynchronous online modules, each consisting of primary and secondary readings, video lectures and discussions moderated by historian Ethan Segal. The modules explore samurai from the Medieval through the Tokugawa periods. The final module focuses on teaching critical thinking through samurai-related content.

Seminar Dates: The course begins with online introductions, September 29-October 5, 2019, and continues with four modules: October 6-19; October 20-November 2; November 3-16; and November 17-23. Our final module will be a shortened one-week module. A short Curriculum Implementation Plan (CIP), due December 6, completes the course.

Benefits and expectations: This course is free to eligible educators and provides:

- 24 contact hours of study and discussion with a Japan specialist and fellow educators.
- Certificate of Completion for 24 Professional Development Contact Hours.
- \$50 completion award and downloadable course materials.
- Participants agree to complete video lecture viewing and readings, participate in the full 24-hour course, and complete the CIP and a course evaluation.

Apply online at <http://www.colorado.edu/ptea/samurai-reg>. Application opens August 20, 2019. Applicants will be notified of acceptance on or before September 20, 2019; course is limited to 20 eligible teachers. For more information, email lynn.parisi@colorado.edu.