

**THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA
PROGRAM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER**



A Professional Development Course for Secondary Teachers

Remote learning offers many challenges. This interactive NCTA course will engage teachers with strategies to address three of those challenges--leading effective discussions, moderating small and whole group online interactions, and building online communities of learners. The course will use Japanese literature, primary source documents, and photographs from the 20th and 21st centuries.

Synchronous/Asynchronous Format, Participation Requirements, Time Commitment: This is a five-week program. Week 1 will take place asynchronously via TEA-NCTA's Moodle platform; Weeks 2-5 will consist of once-weekly live, 90-minute meetings via Zoom. Each live meeting will showcase a specific online discussion strategy or issue, as participants consider a source document or several related short documents. In a two-tiered approach, participants will discuss the documents as well as the pedagogical strategy that is the focus of the week's live meeting. Class members agree to participate fully throughout the course with Zoom video connection, attend all four live meetings, submit a short paper (3-4 pages) describing ways to use the course pedagogy and resources in their teaching, and complete an evaluation. Each week's time commitment, including reading and live discussion, will be approximately 3.5 hours.

Eligibility and Selection: Middle and high school teachers nationwide are invited to apply. Priority will be given to contract teachers whose required curriculum includes modern history of Japan or Asian topics and who are not enrolled in another NCTA online course over the same dates.

Seminar Dates: This course begins **February 7** with a one-week asynchronous introductory module and continues with four live weekly meetings: **February 16 and 23 and March 2 and 9, 7-8:30pm ET**. A short Curriculum Implementation Plan (CIP) and evaluation will be due by April 2, 2021.

Participation is free, with the following benefits for full participation: Certificate of Completion for 16 contact hours and \$50 completion award. **Apply online:** <http://www.colorado.edu/ptea/Discussion>. **Course is limited to 15 eligible teachers and closes February 2 or when course fills. For more information:** lynn.parisi@colorado.edu.

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