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## HISTORY 43 *Japan from 1868*

This course traces Japan's historical development through the pivotal experiences of the last 130 years, with some attention given to the nature of early modern social order existing under the Tokugawa shoguns (1603-1868). We will examine the decay of the feudal order; the impact of Western encroachment; the unequal treaties imposed upon Japan; the Meiji Restoration; rapid industrialization; the growth of the imperialist state; Japanese fascism; world war; defeat and occupation; Japan's incorporation into the U.S. camp during the Cold War; and spectacular postwar growth. Special attention will be given to the question of imperialism, and to U.S.-Japanese relations.

There are no prerequisites for this course, although History 42 would be useful.

Lectures will follow a roughly chronological order, but some will deal in depth with broad themes. An in-class mid-term exam, a take-home final exam, and a 10-15 page term paper will each count as 30% of your grade. The remaining 10% will be based on class participation (including regular attendance, contribution to class discussion sessions, and a brief oral report on your research at the end of the term).

Students will acquire skills in the examination of primary sources, exposure to the plurality of interpretations among historians, research skills through independent research projects, and significant historical writing experience. In addition, the experience of (brief) lecturing will help prepare the student for potential future conference participation

### **Required texts:**

Mikiso Hane, *Modern Japan: A Historical Survey* (Westview)  
Tsunoda Ryūsaku, ed., *Sources of Japanese Tradition*, vol. II (Columbia University Press, 1958)  
John Dower, *War Without Mercy: Race and Power in the Pacific War* (Pantheon)  
Sawako Ariyoshi, *The River Ki* (Kodansha)  
Iris Chang, *The Rape of Nanking*

### *Tentative Syllabus*

[The readings listed below only *roughly* correlate to, or complement, the content of the lectures, and are given only for convenience. Students should study the texts at their own pace but be prepared to discuss the *assigned readings* at the scheduled discussion sessions, indicated here.]

F 1/21 Syllabus distribution

M 1/24 The Environment

W 1/26 The Old Regime  
Hane, Ch. 1-3

- F 1/28 Western Encroachment  
Hane, Ch. 4
- M 1/31 Downfall of the Old Order  
Hane, Ch. 4-5
- W 2/2 The Making of a New Order  
Hane, Ch. 5-6
- F 2/4 *Discussion*: Tsunoda *et al.*, pp. 1-130
- M 2/7 Japan in the World Polity and Economy  
Hane, Ch. 6-7
- W 2/9 Opposition to the Meiji Oligarchs  
Hane, Ch. 6-7
- F 2/11 Meiji Constitution  
Hane, Ch. 6-7
- M 2/14 Early Industrialization  
Hane, Ch. 7-9
- W 2/16 *Discussion*: Tsunoda, pp. 131-210
- F 2/18 Beginnings of Japanese Imperialism, I  
Hane, Ch. 8-9
- M 2/21 HOLIDAY
- W 2/23 Beginnings of Japanese Imperialism, II  
Hane, Ch. 9
- Th 2/24 [makeup for Monday holiday] Parliament and Taishô Democracy  
Hane, Ch. 9-11
- F 2/25 The Early Left  
Hane, Ch. 10
- M 2/28 MID-TERM (in class)**
- W 3/2 The Early Women's Movement  
Hane, Ch. 10
- F 3/24 Roots of Japanese Fascism  
Hane, Ch. 12
- M 3/6 The Manchurian Incident and Aftermath  
Hane, Ch. 12-13
- W 3/8 *Discussion*: Tsunoda, pp. 211-91
- F 3/11 The New Order in East Asia  
Hane, Ch. 13

M 3/14 Japan-U.S. Relations  
Hane, Ch. 13

W 3/16 The Pacific War  
Hane, Ch. 14

F 3/18 *Discussion: War Without Mercy*

**[Spring Break; no class to 3/26]**

M 3/28 The U.S. Occupation, I  
Hane, Ch. 15

W 3/30 The U.S. Occupation, II: Reverse Course  
Hane, Ch. 15

F 4/1 *Discussion: Ariyoshi* (all)

M 4/4 The Postwar "Miracle," I: Korean and Vietnam Wars  
Hane, Ch. 15

W 4/6 The Postwar "Miracle," II  
Hane, Ch. 15-16

F 4/8 The Eighties and Nineties

M 4/11 Japanese Imperialism Today

W 4/13 *Class presentations*

F 4/15 *Class Presentations*

M 4/18 HOLIDAY

W 4/20 *Class Presentations*

F 4/22 *Class Presentations*

M 4/25 *Class Presentations*

W 4/27 *Class Presentations*

F 4/29 *Class Presentations*

M 5/2 *Class Presentations*; distribution of **FINAL EXAM**

FINAL EXAMS DUE IN HISTORY DEPT. OFFICE BY 5:00 p.m., Tues., 5/3

(DUE DATE FOR TERM PAPERS 5/12)