

JPNS5008 The Making of Modern Japan (Semester 2)

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Key texts (6 items)

One-volume overview of modern Japanese history (3 items)

A modern history of Japan: from Tokugawa times to the present, by Andrew Gordon, 2014
Book | **Essential** | 3rd edition | We will read this in its entirety.

*It is highly recommended that you purchase this text. Given the number of students in our module (approximately 40), and the fact that this is not available as an e-book, it is not feasible for you to depend upon the handful of library copies.

*It is also highly recommended that students print the texts of the required readings and bring these to the seminar discussion each week.

*Please read the texts in the order given below. It is highly recommended to read the Gordon chapters first.

A modern history of Japan: from Tokugawa times to the present, by Andrew Gordon, 2020
Book | 4th edition

A Modern History of Japan: Oxford's companion web site for the third edition of A Modern History of Japan: From Tokugawa Times to the Present

Website | *A fantastic bonus of using Gordon's text is that it has a companion website that 'offers links to a wide array of documentary sources either referenced in the book or directly relevant to particular sections, as well as a selection of study questions and, for instructors and students, suggested topics for writing papers on modern Japanese history. It also connects to some excellent websites offering further information on Japan's modern history.'

Primary source reader (3 items)

NB Please check the Weekly Readings section for the page numbers of specific sections: these differ between the print (abridged) versions and the e-book.

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 1, 1600 to 1868, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

[Book](#)

A Note on the Further Suggested Readings (2 items)

In the postwar period scholars have produced an extraordinary number of first-rate studies of Japan. The list of further suggested readings for each week could thus easily become ponderously long. Rather than provide such a list, I recommend that if you are particularly interested in a certain period or topic and would like to pursue this in greater depth, you first look at the following two works:

A history of Japan, by Conrad D. Totman, 2005

[Book](#) | Conrad Totman's fabulously thorough, annotated bibliography found as an appendix in his *A History of Japan*, Second Edition, 2005. It is entitled 'Appendix D: Supplemental Readings', and comprises twenty-seven pages (pp. 631-657) divided according to both historical periods and relevant topics. For your convenience, this is posted on Moodle

Japanese history and culture from ancient to modern times: seven basic bibliographies, by John W. Dower; Timothy S. George, 1995

[Book](#) | Very useful bibliography

Selected One-volume Overviews of Modern Japanese History (11 items)

The Columbia guide to modern Japanese history, by Gary D. Allinson, 1999

[Book](#)

Modern Japan, by Peter Duus, c1998

[Book](#)

Modern Japan: a very short introduction, by Christopher S. Goto-Jones, 2009

[Book](#)

Modern Japan: A Historical Survey, by Mikiso Hane; Louis G. Perez, 2013

[Book](#)

Modern Japan: a historical survey, by Mikiso Hane, 1992

[Book](#)

Eastern phoenix: Japan since 1945, by Mikiso Hane, 1996

[Book](#)

The emergence of modern Japan: an introductory history since 1853, by Janet Hunter, 1989

[Book](#)

The making of modern Japan, by Marius B. Jansen, 2000

[Book](#)

Japan: a modern history, by James L. McClain, c2002

Book

The making of modern Japan, by Kenneth B. Pyle, c1996

Book

A history of Japan, by Conrad D. Totman, 2005

Book

Selected One-volume Overviews of Contemporary Japan (4 items)

Japan since 1945: from postwar to post-bubble, by Timothy S. George; Christopher Gerteis, 2013

Book

Critical issues in contemporary Japan, edited by Jeff Kingston, 2014

Book

Contemporary Japan: history, politics, and social change since the 1980s, by Jeff Kingston, 2013

Book | 2nd edition

Japan in transformation, 1945-2010, by Jeff Kingston, 2011

Book

Selected Primary Source Readers (6 items)

Selected documents on Japanese foreign policy,1853-1868, by W. G. Beasley, 1955

Book

The Japan reader: Vol.1: Imperial Japan, 1800-1945, by Jon Livingston; Joe Moore; Felicia Oldfather, 1976

Book

The Japan reader: 1: Imperial Japan, 1800-1945, by Jon Livingston; Joe Moore; Felicia Oldfather, 1973

Book

The Japan reader: 2: Postwar Japan : 1945 to the present, by Jon Livingston, 1976

Book | NB This book is not in stock at Brookes Library but relevant sections are available on Moodle.

Japan: a documentary history, by David John Lu, c1997

Book

The Making of modern Japan: a reader, by Tim Megarry, 1995

Book

Selected Websites (7 items)

Asian Studies | The WWW Virtual Library[Webpage](#)**East Asia Image Collection | Digital Scholarship Services**[Website](#)**Japan Air Raids.org**[Website](#)**Meiji Taisho 1868-1926**[Website](#)**MIT Visualizing Cultures**[Website](#)**Electronic Discussion Groups (2 items)**

H-Japan[Webpage](#)

| H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences Online

H-Empire[Webpage](#)

| H-Net's network on colonial and imperial studies

Selected journals (15 items)

Acta Asiatica: Bulletin of the Insitute of Eastern Culture[Webpage](#)**The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus**[Journal](#)**Electronic journal of contemporary Japanese studies**[Journal](#)**Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies**[Journal](#)**Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies**[Journal](#)**Japan Forum**[Journal](#)**Japan forum, by British Association for Japanese Studies**[Journal](#)

| Print version of the journal, shelved in Library Basement

Japanese journal of religious studies[Journal](#)**The Journal of Asian Studies**

Journal

Journal of Japanese Studies

Journal

Monumenta Nipponica

Journal

New formations: a journal of culture-theory-politics

Journal

Social Science Japan Journal

Journal

Transactions of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland

Journal

TRIcontinental Magazine

Webpage

Selected Online News Sites (6 items)

Factiva: Databases : Oxford Brookes University Library

Webpage

| Factiva is an international news database and a key resource for Japanese studies, including: The Chunichi Shimbun; Daily Yomiuri; Japan Times; Keizai Kai; Kensetsu Tsushin Shimbun; Look Japan; Nihon Shokuryo Shimbun; Nikkan Kogyo Shimbun ; Nikkan Yakugyo; Nikkin; The Tokyo Shimbun and more.

The Asahi Shimbun

Website

The Mainichi - Top News & Stories from Japan

Website

The Japan Times

Website

The Japan News - Breaking News from Japan by The Yomiuri Shimbun

Website

PanOrient News

Website

Weekly readings (110 items)

Week 1 - Class Introduction: 1) 'Japan's Ongoing Identity Crisis'; 2) History and Historiography (5 items)

Suggested readings:

Postmodernism for historians, by Callum G. Brown, 2005

Book | Chapter 1

Postmodernism for historians, by Callum G. Brown, 2005

Book | Chapter 1

What is history?, by Edward Hallett Carr; Richard J. Evans, 2001

Book

A modern history of Japan: from Tokugawa times to the present, by Andrew Gordon, 2014

Book | 'Preface' and 'Introduction', Chs. 1-3 (pp. xi -46)

Why history matters, by John Tosh, 2008

Book | Preface, Prologue and Chapter 1

Week 2 - The 'New Imperialism' and the Meiji Restoration (9 items)

Required reading 1) (1 items)

A modern history of Japan: from Tokugawa times to the present, by Andrew Gordon, 2014

Book | Preface and Introduction (xi-9); and Chapters 4, 5 & 6 (pp. 47-92).

Required reading 2) (1 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 1, 1600 to 1868, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 34: The Debate over Seclusion and Restoration: The Later Mito School; Aizawa Seishisai: 'Revere the Emperor, Repel the Barbarian', pp. 518-529.

Required reading 3) (1 items)

Selected documents on Japanese foreign policy, 1853-1868, by W. G. Beasley, 1955

- Book** | i. Section I, The Perry Convention, 1853-54, pp. 97-99.
 ii. Document 1. Letter from President Millard Fillmore, pp. 99-101.
 iii. Document 2. Letter from Commodore Perry, pp. 101-102.
 iv. Document 8. Kanagawa Convention, pp. 119-122.

Required reading 4) (1 items)

Selected documents on Japanese foreign policy, 1853-1868, by W. G. Beasley, 1955

- Book** | i. Section III: The American Commercial Treaty of 1858, pp. 156-159.
 ii. Document 19. Statement by Townsend Harris, pp. 159-165.
 iii. Document 27. Journal of Utsuki Roku-no-jō, pp. 181-183.
 iv. Document 28. Treaty Between U.S. and Japan, 1858, pp. 183-189.

Required reading 5) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by

William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 35, 'The Meiji Restoration' pp. 5-12. Letter of Resignation of the Last Shogun
 Edict to Foreign Diplomats
 The Charter Oath
 The Constitution of 1868
 THE ABOLITION OF FEUDALISM AND THE CENTRALIZATION OF THE STATE
 Memorial on the Proposal to Return the Registers
 Imperial Rescript on the Abolition of the Han

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter 37, 'The Meiji Restoration'. Letter of Resignation of the Last Shogun
 Edict to Foreign Diplomats
 The Charter Oath
 The Constitution of 1868
 THE ABOLITION OF FEUDALISM AND THE CENTRALIZATION OF THE STATE
 Memorial on the Proposal to Return the Registers
 Imperial Rescript on the Abolition of the Han

Suggested further reading (2 items)

Empire: a very short introduction, by Stephen Howe, 2002

Book

Postcolonialism: an historical introduction, by Robert Young, 2001

Book | (eBook withdrawn by publisher)

Week 3 - Meiji-Period Colonialism and Imperialism (12 items)

Required reading 1) (1 items)

A modern history of Japan: from Tokugawa times to the present, by Andrew Gordon, 2014

Book | Chapters 7 & 8 (pp. 93-137).

Required reading 2) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 35, pp. 12 (bot)-24. 'THE LEADERS AND THEIR VISION': 'The Iwakura Mission'; Kido Takayoshi's Observations of Education in the United States'; 'Kido on the Need for Constitutional Government'; 'Kume Kunitake's Assessment of European Wealth and Power'; 'Kido's Observations on Returning from the

West'; 'CONSEQUENCES OF THE IWAKURA MISSION: SAIGO AND OKUBO ON KOREA': 'Letters from Saigo Takamori to Itagaki Taisuke on the Korean Question'; 'Okubo Toshimichi's Reasons for Opposing the Korean Expedition'

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter 37, pp. 676-688. 'THE LEADERS AND THEIR VISION': 'The Iwakura Mission'; Kido

Takayoshi's Observations of Education in the United States'; 'Kido on the Need for Constitutional Government'; 'Kume Kunitake's Assessment of European Wealth and Power'; 'Kido's Observations on Returning from the West'; 'CONSEQUENCES OF THE IWAKURA MISSION: SAIGO AND OKUBO ON KOREA': 'Letters from Saigo Takamori to Itagaki Taisuke on the Korean Question'; 'Okubo Toshimichi's Reasons for Opposing the Korean Expedition'

Required reading 3) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 36, Fukuzawa Yukichi, pp. 32-41. 'CIVILIZATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT': 'FUKUZAWA YUKICHI';

'Fukuzawa Yukichi's View of Civilization': Fukuzawa Yukichi, 'An Outline of a Theory of Civilization' (Bunmeiron no gairyaku).

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter 38, pp. 694-707. 'CIVILIZATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT': 'FUKUZAWA YUKICHI';

'Fukuzawa Yukichi's View of Civilization': Fukuzawa Yukichi, 'An Outline of a Theory of Civilization' (Bunmeiron no gairyaku).

Required reading 4) (1 items)

Japan: a documentary history, by David John Lu, c1997

Book | Chapter: Fukuzawa Yukichi. 'Saying Goodbye to Asia' (1885), pp. 351-353

Required reading 5)

Required reading 6) (1 items)

The Columbia guide to modern Japanese history, by Gary D. Allinson, 1999

Book | Chapter: 'The Imperial Rescript to Soldiers and Sailors' (1882), pp. 226-227

Required reading 7) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 38, 'The Imperial Rescript on Education' (1890) and 'The Extended Meaning of the Imperial Rescript' (1891), pp. 108-110.

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter 40, 'The Imperial Rescript on Education' (1890) and 'The Extended Meaning of the Imperial Rescript' (1891), pp. 779-82

Week 4 - The Practice of Japanese Colonialism (13 items)

Required reading 1) (1 items)

A modern history of Japan: from Tokugawa times to the present, by Andrew Gordon, 2014

Book | Chapter 9 & 10 (pp. 139-180)

Required reading 2) (1 items)

Reading colonial Japan: text, context, and critique, by Michele Mason; Helen Lee, c2012

Book | Chapter 2: 'Hokkaido Former Natives Protection Law'; 'Rule in the Name of "Protection": The Vocabulary of Colonialism', pp. 55-75

Required reading 3) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 40, 'Ishibashi Tenzan', pp. 181-191

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter 42, 'Ishibashi Tenzan', pp. 859-869

Required reading 4)

Highly recommended reading 1) (1 items)

Japan: a documentary history, by David John Lu, c1997

Book | Document 2, The Twenty-one Demands, pp. 382-386

Highly recommended reading 2) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 40, Shidehara Kijūrō, 'Peaceful Cooperation Abroad', and Yamamuro Sōbun, 'Call for a Peaceful Japan,' pp. 208-211

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter 42, Shidehara Kijūrō, 'Peaceful Cooperation Abroad', and Yamamuro Sōbun, 'Call for a Peaceful Japan,' pp. 886-88

Highly recommended reading 3) (1 items)

Japan: a documentary history, by David John Lu, c1997

Book | Document 11, Peace Preservation Law (1925), pp. 397-398

Highly recommended reading 4) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 40, 'Ishibashi Tanzan', pp. 191-92

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter 42, 'Ishibashi Tanzan', pp. 869-71

Week 5 - Japan's Foreign Policy in the 1930s: A Legitimate Quest for Autonomy or Illegitimate and Naked Aggression? (13 items)

Required reading 1) (1 items)

A modern history of Japan: from Tokugawa times to the present, by Andrew Gordon, 2014

Book | Chapters 11 & 12 (pp. 181-223).

Required reading 2) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 39, 'Tokutomi Sohō: A Japanese Nationalist's View of the World and Asia', pp. 127-139.

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter 41, 'Tokutomi Sohō: A Japanese Nationalist's View of the World and Asia', pp. 1798-811.

Required reading 3) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 42, 'The Rise of Revolutionary Nationalism', pp. 260-284.

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter 44, 'The Rise of Revolutionary Nationalism', pp. 948-75.

Highly recommended reading 1) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 41, 'Tosaka Jun' (1935), pp. 251-255.

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter Ch.43, 'Tosaka Jun' (1935), pp. 932-36.

Highly recommended reading 2) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 43, 'Empire and War', pp. 288-299; 308-09; 312-15.

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter 45, 'Empire and War', pp. 980-93; 1006-07; 1010-13.

Week 7 - Historiography and the 'Decision' to Drop the Atomic Bombs (10 items)

Required reading 1) (1 items)

The decision to drop the atomic bomb, by Dennis Wainstock, 1996

Book | Chapter 8, 'Recapitulation and Analysis', pp. 121-132.

Required reading 2) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 44, 'Potsdam Declaration', pp. 324-325.

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 46, 'Potsdam Declaration', pp.1022-23.

Required reading 3) (1 items)

A Forgotten Holocaust: US Bombing Strategy, the Destruction of Japanese Cities & the American Way of War from World War II to Iraq - in *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, by Mark Selden, 2 May 2007

Article

Required reading 4) (1 items)

Hiroshima: Breaking the Silence - in *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, by Howard Zinn; Yuki Tanaka, 21 June 2010

Article

Required reading 5) (1 items)

The Atomic bomb: voices from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, by Kyoko Iriye Selden; Mark Selden, c1989

Book | Chapter: 'Children's Voices', pp. 219-33

Further suggested reading (2 items)

The Atomic bomb: voices from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, by Kyoko Iriye Selden; Mark Selden, c1989

Book | Chapter: Kim In Jo, 'Koreans...and Americans and Chinese Are Also Victims', pp. 205-14.

Bombing civilians: a twentieth-century history, by Marilyn Blatt Young; Toshiyuki Tanaka, 2010

Book

Suggested film (1 items)

Kuroi ame: Black rain: Pluie noire: Hiroshima 6 août 1945, 8h 15, by Sho

hei Imamura, 2005

Audio-visual document

Week 8 - The Occupation and the Emperor (20 items)

Required reading 1) (1 items)

A modern history of Japan: from Tokugawa times to the present, by Andrew Gordon, 2014
Book | Chapter 13 (pp. 224-241).

Required reading 2) (1 items)

The Japan reader: 2: Postwar Japan : 1945 to the present, by Jon Livingston, 1976
Book | NB This book is not in stock at Brookes Library but the relevant section is available on Moodle: Atcheson, George. 'The Acting Political Advisor in Japan (Atcheson) to President Truman', and, 'Japanese Domestic Political Situation', pp. 12-13. 14-17.

Required reading 3) (1 items)

Japan: a documentary history, by David John Lu, c1997
Book | 'New Roles for the Emperor': 'Emperor Hirohito's Rescript Disavowing His Own Divinity, 1946' and 'Emperor Not Guilty of War Crimes, 1946', Documents 2 and 3, pp. 466-469.

Required reading 4) (2 items)

Embracing defeat: Japan in the aftermath of World War II, by John W. Dower, 2000
Book | Chapter 11, pp. 319-345

Embracing defeat: Japan in the wake of World War II, by John W. Dower, 1999
Book | Chapter 11, pp. 319-345

Highly recommended reading 1) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006
Book | Chapter 44 'The Occupation Years, 1945-1952', pp. 325-330.

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter 46 'The Occupation Years, 1945-1952', pp.1023-28.

Highly recommended reading 2) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 44 'The Occupation Years, 1945-1952', pp. 330-37.

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter 46 'The Occupation Years, 1945-1952', pp. 1029-36.

Highly recommended reading 3) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 47, Mishima Yukio, 'The Emperor as a Cultural Concept', pp. 464-66.

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter 49, Mishima Yukio, 'The Emperor as a Cultural Concept', pp. 1180-82.

Highly recommended reading 4) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 44, Ōe Kenzaburō, 'Growing Up During the Occupation', pp. 374-375.

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter 46, Ōe Kenzaburō, 'Growing Up During the Occupation', pp. 1074-75.

Highly recommended reading 5) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 45, Matsushita Keiichi, 'The Emperor System of the Masses', pp. 391-393.

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary;

Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter 47, Matsushita Keiichi, 'The Emperor System of the Masses', pp.1092-93.

Week 9 - The International Military Tribunal for the Far East: Victor's Justice? (6 items)

Required reading 1) (1 items)

A modern history of Japan: from Tokugawa times to the present, by Andrew Gordon, 2014

Book | Chapter 14 (pp. 243-267).

Required reading 2) (1 items)

International Military Tribunal for the Far East: Dissident Judgment of Justice Pal, by Radhabinod Pal, 1999

Document | 'Recommendation', pp. 697-701.

Required reading 3) (1 items)

"The Trial of Mr. Hyde" and Victor's Justice - in *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, by Takeyama Michio; Richard Minear, 14 August 2006

Article

Required reading 4) (1 items)

The Tokyo Tribunal, Justice Pal and the Revisionist Distortion of History - in *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, by Nakajima Takeshi, 31 October 2011

Article

Further suggested reading (2 items)

Japanese Societal Attitudes Towards the Tokyo Trial: A Contemporary Perspective - in *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, by Futamura Madoka, 19 July 2011

Article

Victors' justice: the Tokyo War Crimes Trial, by Richard H. Minear, 2001

Book

Week 10 - 'The History Question': War, Responsibility and Memory (9 items)

Required reading 1) (1 items)

A modern history of Japan: from Tokugawa times to the present, by Andrew Gordon, 2014

Book | Chapters 15 & 16 (pp. 268-307).

Required reading 2) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 49 Maruyama Masao, 'The Logic and Psychology of Ultrationalism' ('Cho

kokkashugi no ronri to shinri')

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter 51 Maruyama Masao, 'The Logic and Psychology of Ultrationalism' ('Cho

kokkashugi no ronri to shinri')

Required reading 3) (1 items)

Why Do We Still Need to Talk About "Historical Understanding" in East Asia? - in The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus, by Hiroshi Mitani; Andrew Gordon, 9 August 2014

Article

Required reading 4) (1 items)

Reflections 68 Years On: How to Address an Irresponsible State - in The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus, by Yuki Tanaka, 2013

Article

Highly recommended reading (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006

Book | Chapter 49, 'The Asia-Pacific War in History and Memory', pp. 553-575. Pay especially attention to the short pieces by Maruyama Masao and Ienaga Saburō!

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

Book | Chapter 51, 'The Asia-Pacific War in History and Memory', pp. 1278-1300. Pay especially attention to the short pieces by Maruyama Masao and Ienaga Saburō!

Week 11 - Postcolonial, Post-Cold War, Post-Bubble, Postindustrial: Japan After Japan (8 items)

Required reading 1) (1 items)

A modern history of Japan: from Tokugawa times to the present, by Andrew Gordon, 2014
[Book](#) | Chapters 17 & 18 (pp. 308-354).

Required reading 2) (1 items)

Speaking as an Unrealistic Dreamer, Speech by Murakami Haruki on the occasion of receiving the International Catalunya Prize - in *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, by Murakami Haruki, 19 July 2011

[Article](#)

Required reading 3) (1 items)

Constitutional Amendment is Out of the Question - in *The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*, by Miyazaki Hayao, 6 September 2014

[Article](#)

Further suggested reading 1) (1 items)

Modern Japan: a very short introduction, by Christopher S. Goto-Jones, 2009
[Book](#) | Chapter 5 and Epilogue, pp. 124-149.

Further suggested reading 2) (1 items)

Natural disaster and nuclear crisis in Japan: response and recovery after Japan's 3/11, by Jeff Kingston, 2012

[Book](#)

Further suggested reading 3) (3 items)

Sources of Japanese tradition: Vol. 2, 1600 to 2000, abridged: Part 2, 1868 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Arthur E. Tiedemann, 2006
[Book](#) | Chapter 47. especially, Ōe Kenzaburō, 'Japan, the Ambiguous, and Myself', pp. 466-471.

OR, in e-book:

Sources of Japanese tradition: Volume 2: 1600 to 2000, by William Theodore De Bary; Carol Gluck; Donald Keene, 2005

[Book](#) | Chapter 49. especially, Ōe Kenzaburō, 'Japan, the Ambiguous, and Myself'

Selected Seminar Series at UK Universities (5 items)

There is an embarrassment of riches in terms of regular public lectures related to Japan in and around Oxford. Students are highly encouraged to keep abreast of, and attend when possible, lectures related to modern Japanese history and any other topics of interest. Many of the websites below offer links to podcasts of past lectures. Again, students are urged to take advantage of these valuable resources.

Europe Japan Research Centre (EJRC) Seminar Series: Department of Social Sciences: Oxford Brookes University

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Events: Nissan Institute of Japanese Studies: University of Oxford

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SOAS Japan Research Centre (JRC) events listing

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Comparative Histories of Asia, Seminar Series: Institute of Historical Research (IHR): University of London

[Webpage](#)

East Asian Studies Seminars: Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies: University of Cambridge

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