This is a survey course on Modern Japanese history. It has no pre-requisites and assumes no prior knowledge of Japanese history. It will meet two times a week and will generally follow this pattern:

Tuesdays: Lecture; Thursdays: Discussion of the week’s assigned readings.

Requirements include:

- Writing a one-paragraph comment on the assigned reading. Do so for weeks 2, 3, 12, and 13. These one-paragraph comments are due in class on Thursdays.

- Preparing DI sheets, which are due in class on Thursdays. Do so for weeks 5, 6, 9, and 10. Each DI (which stands for Discussion initiation) sheet is to be TYPEWRITTEN on one 8 1/2” x 11” piece of paper and should contain the following:
  
  — The student’s name;
  
  — The date;
  
  — The student’s title for the week’s discussion;
  
  — The student’s choice of one quotation from the week’s assigned reading;
  
  — The student’s formulation of ONE question for the week’s discussion.

Each DI sheet is due in class on Thursday of the week for which the readings are assigned. Late DI sheets will not be accepted.

- Completing two special writing assignments.

- Participating in discussions in class on Thursdays;

Each student’s grade will be based on the performance of three kinds of assignments with roughly equal weight given to each:

- 35% on comments and the DI sheets,
- 35% on the two special writing assignments, and
- 30% on attendance class participations
SESSIONS

   TH Jan. 22

2. T Jan 27: Tokugawa Legacies
   TH Jan 29

3. T Feb 3: Crises and in Late Tokugawa and the Meiji Restoration
   TH Feb 5
   Reading: *Modern History of Japan*, pp. 46-76; *Samurai and Silk*, pp. 42-63; 170-189

4. T Feb 10: Protest, Dissent, and the Birth of the first Constitution
   TH Feb 12
   Reading: *Modern History of Japan*, pp.77-113; Mikiso Hane, *Peasants, Rebels, and Outcasts: The Underside of Modern Japan*, (Pantheon Books, 1982), pp. 2-76; 102-136

5. T Feb 17: Industrialization and Overseas Expansion
   TH Feb 19
   Reading: *Modern History of Japan*, pp. 115-160; *Peasants, Rebels, and Outcasts: The Underside of Modern Japan*, pp. 172-204

   TH Feb 26: *Kokoro*

7. T March 3: The China Problem
   TH March 5
   Readings: *Modern History of Japan*, pp. 161-203

8. T March 10: FILM: *Pearl Harbor*
   TH March 12: NO CLASS

FIRST SPECIAL WRITING ASSIGNMENT DUE 4:30 PM, MARCH 12.

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9. T March 31, (Class canceled)  
   TH April 2: From Manchuria to Pearl Harbor [I]  

10. T April 7: From Manchuria to Pearl Harbor [II]  
    TH April 9  
    Reading: FIRE ON THE PLAIN; Modern History of Japan, pp. 204-225;  

11. T April 14: Film: Nanking  
    TH April 16: John Dower, Embracing Defeat, chapter 16.  

12. T April 21: Japan under Occupation  
    TH April 23  
    Reading: John Dower, Embracing Defeat, chapters 1-5  

13. T April 28: Embracing Defeat, Chapters 6-8  
    TH April 30: Embracing Defeat, Chapters 13-14  

14. T May 5: Embracing Defeat, Chapters 15  
    TH May 7: Retrospect  

SECOND SPECIAL WRITING ASSIGNMENT DUE MONDAY, May 11.  
SUBMIT A PAPER COPY TO MEARS COTTAGE BY 4: 30 PM.