History 192  
Spring 2014  
Hanes (GTFs: Hunter and Maxson)  
1000-1120 MW  
207 Chapman

**Japan, Past & Present**

**Reading:** James L. Huffman, *Japan in World History*  
Nakano Makiko, *Makiko’s Diary*  
Samuel Yamashita, *Leaves from an Autumn of Emergencies*  
Hector Garcia, *A Geek in Japan*

**Requirements:** Two five-page essays (20% each), midterm exam (20%), final exam (20%), and discussion section (20%: see section syllabus).

**Learning Objectives:**
- To appreciate the sweep of Japanese history
- To explore cultural difference
- To think, read, and write critically
- To interrogate primary and secondary historical sources

**Office Hours:** 1-3 Wednesdays, and by appointment, in 327 McKenzie Hall.  
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**Week One. Introduction.**


  Reading: Huffman, xi-18.

**Week Two. Ancient Society.**

April 7. Emperors and Aristocrats.  

  Reading: Huffman, 19-54.

**Week Three. War and Peace.**

April 14. Three Great Unifiers.  
April 16. Pax Tokugawa.


**Week Four. Tradition and Modernity.**

April 23. MIDTERM EXAMINATION.

  Reading: Huffman, 72-90. *Finish reading Nakano, Makiko’s Diary* (for MT exam).
Week Five. The Paradox of Modern Japan.

April 28. Internationalism and Nationalism.

Reading: Huffman, 91-103. Begin reading Yamashita, Leaves.

Week Six. Imperial Nippon.

May 5. The Pacific War.
May 7. The American Occupation. Film: “Our Job in Japan”

Reading: Huffman, 103-114. Finish reading Yamashita, Leaves.

Week Seven. The Postwar Era.

May 12. The Postwar Economic Miracle. Film: “The Colonel Comes to Japan”
YAMASHITA ESSAY DUE IN CLASS.

Reading: Huffman, 114-128.

Week Eight. Cultures and Subcultures.

May 19. Urbanization and Alienation. Film Clip: “Family Game”

Reading: Begin reading Garcia, A Geek in Japan.

Week Nine. New Japan.

May 26. MEMORIAL DAY (NO CLASS)

Reading: Finish reading Garcia, A Geek in Japan.

Week Ten. Now Japan.

June 2. Apocalypse Now: Anatomies of Disaster. GARCIA ESSAY DUE IN CLASS.
June 4. A Day in the Life.

Final Examination: 10:15-12:15 Wednesday, June 11 in 207 Chapman