JAPAN: THE MODERN AGE

Reading: Elise K. Tipton, *Modern Japan: A Social and Political History*
Fukuzawa Yukichi, *Autobiography of Yukichi Fukuzawa*
Kawabata Yasunari, *The Scarlet Gang of Asakusa*
Sodei Rinjiro, *Dear General MacArthur*
oyama shiro, *a man with no talents*

Requirements: Two short essays (20% each), a midterm examination (25%),
class participation (10%), and a final examination (25%).

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

April 2. The Tokugawa Peace.
April 4. Internal Troubles.


Week Two. Internal Troubles/External Threat.

April 11. Restorationism as Rupture.

Reading: Tipton, 21-38.

Week Three. The Meiji Restoration.

April 18. The Modern Japanese Nation-State. FUKUZAWA ESSAY DUE IN CLASS.

Reading: Tipton, 39-58.

Week Four. Modernization as Westernization.

April 23. Civilization and Enlightenment.
April 25. Wealthy Country/Strong Military.

Week Five. Taisho Democracy.

April 30. Giant Catfish and Combustible Houses.

Reading: Tipton, 93-118. Finish reading Kawabata, Scarlet Gang of Asakusa.

Week Six. Showa Nationalism.

May 7. Imperialism and Imperialists.
May 9. MIDTERM EXAMINATION.


Week Seven. The Pacific War.

May 16. The End of Empire. Film: “Our Job in Japan”

Reading: Tipton, 132-152.

Week Eight. Japan’s American Revolution.

May 21. Emperors. Film Clip: “Tokyo Tribunal”
May 23. Occupation-al Hazards. Film Clip: “MacArthur’s Children”

Reading: Tipton, 153-186. Finish reading Sodei, Dear General MacArthur.

Week Nine. The Long Postwar Era.

May 28. The Postwar Economic Miracle. Film: “The Colonel Comes to Japan”
May 30. The New Middle Class. Film Clip: “Family Game” ESSAY ON SODEI DUE IN CLASS.

Reading: Tipton, 187-220. Begin reading oyama, a man with no talents.

Week Ten. The Lost Decades.

June 4. The Bubble Economy and its Deflation.
June 6. Is Japan a Disaster?

Reading: Tipton, 221-260. Finish reading oyama, a man with no talents.

Take Home Final: due by 10 AM, Thursday, June 13 (return to 327 McKenzie)