# Unit Y217: Japan 1853-1937

Note: Based on 2x 50 minute lessons per week

Terms based on 6 term year.

| **Key Topic** | **Term** | **Week Number** | **Indicative Content** | **Extended Content** | **Resources** |
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| **The impact of foreign intrusion on Tokugawa Japan 1853–1868** | 1 | 1 | Japanese society and state in the late Tokugawa period; | * Peasants and urban dwellers, relations between ordinary people and the state * Pax Tokugawa * Feudal monarchy * View of westerners from Japan * Relationship between the emperor and the shogun * Sophisticated economy * Religious belief | * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  | 2 | peasant unrest and social tensions, disease and inflation | * The system of social stratification * Lack of central control | * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  | 3 | the impact of the arrival of US force under Perry 1853 and the unequal treaties, including France and Russia, of 1858; | * Japanese beliefs about westerners in 1853, pressure to open up the country * Japanese reaction to Perry’s fleet of ‘black ships’ * Townsend Harris * Treaty of Shimoda * Treaty of Amity and Commerce between France and Japan | * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |

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|  |  | 4 | resistance to the Shogunate | * The young samurai: reasons for resistance * Consequences of the unequal treaties | * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  |  | 5 | civil war, the end of the Shogunate and the restoration of the Emperor Meiji in 1868. | * Problems of succession to Tokugawa Iesada * Emperor’s interference and deteriorating situation by 1862 * Threats to the bakufu (the military government) * Alliance of Choshu and Satsuma * Destruction of the bakufu * Boshin War | * *Modern Japanese Society*, Waswo * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
| **Westernisation and nationalism in Meiji Japan 1868–1912** |  | 6 | Nature of change and emergence of Japan as a major power; | * Meiji restoration, the Charter Oath, and early successes * Modernisation of Japanese military | * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
| 2 | 7 | ending of the power of the Samurai and changes in taxation, government and the army | * Reasons for changes, extent of change and successes and failures e.g. concentration of power, Yamagata’s military reforms, ideological and legal reforms * Popular involvement in politics | * *Modern Japanese Society*, Waswo * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  | 8 | economic and social change | * Changes to stratification of society * Land reform * Unification of the nation * Creation of national taxation system | * *Modern Japanese Society*, Waswo * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  | 9 | industrial growth, e.g. coal, silk and railways; growth of large businesses | * Growth of individual industries * Importance of railways * Liberalisation of economy | * *Modern Japanese Society*, Waswo * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  | 10 | naval development | * Consolidation of navy after 1868 * British involvement and influence * Influence of the French after 1880 | * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  | 11 | the 1889 Constitution | * Reasons for drafting * Key terms * Effectiveness | * *Modern Japanese Society*, Waswo * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  | 12 | educational change | * Development of liberal ideologies, improving literacy rates and school attendance, increased print circulation | * *Modern Japanese Society*, Waswo * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
| **Foreign relations and overseas expansion 1868–1920** |  | **12** | Population pressure and imperial ambitions | * Western embassy * Modernisation * Population changes | * *Modern Japanese Society*, Waswo * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
| 3 | 12 | annexation of the Ryukyu Islands 1875 and greater control over Northern territories | * Reasons for and consquences of annexation e.g. hostility to Japan, growing anger in China * Reasons for greater control over Northern territories | * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  | 13-14 | ambitions in Korea | * Plans for invasion before 1876 * Treaty of Kanagawa * Competition with China | * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  | 15 | the causes, course and results of the Sino-Japanese War 1894–1895, acquisition of Taiwan | * Increasing nationalism * Conflict in Korea * Tonghak rebellion * Reasons for success e.g. modernisation of military * Treaty of Shimonoseki | * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  | 16 | participation in international action in China | * Japanese actions in China and tensions with Russia | * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  |  | 17 | the alliance with Britain | * Reasons for alliance e.g. fear of Germany, Russia * Terms of the alliance | * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  |  | 17 | relations with Russia and the Russo-Japanese War 1904–1905 | * Reasons for deterioration in relations with Russia * Course of the war * Reasons for victory * Terms of peace treaty and reasons for dissatisfaction and rioting in Japan | * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  |  | 18 | relations with the USA | * Reasons for tension * Reasons for co-operation * Agreements between USA and Japan | * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  |  | 18-19 | participation in the First World War; the 21 Demands; the Siberian expedition | * Reasons for involvement * Gains made | * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  |  | 18-19 | the Treaty of Versailles and resentments | * Demands made at the conference * Reasons for rejection * Reaction in Japan | * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  |  | 19 | the Washington Conference | * Japanese ambitions for the conference * Results | * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
| **The growth of nationalism in Japan 1920–1937** |  | 19-20 | Radicalism and repression in post-war Japan | * Increasing use of violence and assassinations * Ultranationalist growth * Growth of communism in universities | * *Modern Japanese Society*, Waswo * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  | 20 | the 1923 earthquake | * Extent of devastation and damage * Post-earthquake violence | * *Japan faces the World*, Hanneman * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
| 4 | 21 | social change and electoral reform 1925 and growing police powers | * Police brutality and killing of socialist and communists | * *Japan faces the World*, Hanneman * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  | 22 | the rise of nationalism; resentment about western influences, Ikki Kita, the growth of emperor worship after the accession of Hirohito in 1926 | * Anti Korean sentiment * Ultranationalism * Reasons for growth of emperor worship * Reasons for resentment about Western influences | * *Japan faces the World*, Hanneman * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  | 23 | the impact of the Great Depression on Japan | * Economic and social impact of depression * Impact upon political leadership, militarism and designs on Manchuria | * *Modern Japanese Society*, Waswo * *Japan faces the World*, Hanneman * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  | 24 | the development of militarism and ideas of pan-Asianism: the Manchuria incident 1931 and its effects, the coup of 1936 | * Bushido ideas * Militarism and pan-Asianism key features * Causes, course and consequence of invasion of Manchuria * Coup of 1936 and its impact | * *Modern Japanese Society*, Waswo * *Japan faces the World*, Hanneman * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon * *Concise History of Japan*, Walker * *History of Japan*, Cullen |
|  | 25 | increasing military influence over Imperial policy making and the outbreak of war against China in 1937. | * Reasons for outbreak of war * Extent of militarism in Japan by 1937 | * *Modern Japanese Society*, Waswo * *Japan faces the World*, Hanneman * *History of Japan*, Totman * *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon |

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