# 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
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* *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon
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* *History of Japan*, Cullen
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|  | 2 | peasant unrest and social tensions, disease and inflation  | * The system of social stratification
* Lack of central control
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* *History of Japan*, Cullen
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|  | 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
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|  |  | 4 | resistance to the Shogunate  | * The young samurai: reasons for resistance
* Consequences of the unequal treaties
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|  |  | 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
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* *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon
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| **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
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* *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon
* *Concise History of Japan*, Walker
* *History of Japan*, Cullen
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| 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
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* *History of Japan*, Totman
* *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon
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|  | 8 | economic and social change  | * Changes to stratification of society
* Land reform
* Unification of the nation
* Creation of national taxation system
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|  | 9 | industrial growth, e.g. coal, silk and railways; growth of large businesses  | * Growth of individual industries
* Importance of railways
* Liberalisation of economy
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* *History of Japan*, Totman
* *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon
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|  | 10 | naval development  | * Consolidation of navy after 1868
* British involvement and influence
* Influence of the French after 1880
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* *History of Japan*, Cullen
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|  | 11 | the 1889 Constitution  | * Reasons for drafting
* Key terms
* Effectiveness
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|  | 12 | educational change  | * Development of liberal ideologies, improving literacy rates and school attendance, increased print circulation
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* *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon
* *Concise History of Japan*, Walker
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| **Foreign relations and overseas expansion 1868–1920**  |  | **12** | Population pressure and imperial ambitions  | * Western embassy
* Modernisation
* Population changes
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| 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
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|  | 13-14 | ambitions in Korea  | * Plans for invasion before 1876
* Treaty of Kanagawa
* Competition with China
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* *Concise History of Japan*, Walker
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|  | 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
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|  | 16 | participation in international action in China  | * Japanese actions in China and tensions with Russia
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* *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon
* *Concise History of Japan*, Walker
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|  |  | 17 | the alliance with Britain  | * Reasons for alliance e.g. fear of Germany, Russia
* Terms of the alliance
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* *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon
* *Concise History of Japan*, Walker
* *History of Japan*, Cullen
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|  |  | 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
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|  |  | 18 | relations with the USA  | * Reasons for tension
* Reasons for co-operation
* Agreements between USA and Japan
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|  |  | 18-19 | participation in the First World War; the 21 Demands; the Siberian expedition  | * Reasons for involvement
* Gains made
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* *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon
* *Concise History of Japan*, Walker
* *History of Japan*, Cullen
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|  |  | 18-19 | the Treaty of Versailles and resentments  | * Demands made at the conference
* Reasons for rejection
* Reaction in Japan
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* *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon
* *Concise History of Japan*, Walker
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|  |  | 19 | the Washington Conference  | * Japanese ambitions for the conference
* Results
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* *Concise History of Japan*, Walker
* *History of Japan*, Cullen
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| **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
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* *History of Japan*, Totman
* *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon
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|  | 20 | the 1923 earthquake  | * Extent of devastation and damage
* Post-earthquake violence
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* *History of Japan*, Totman
* *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon
* *Concise History of Japan*, Walker
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| 4 | 21 | social change and electoral reform 1925 and growing police powers  | * Police brutality and killing of socialist and communists
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|  | 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
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* *History of Japan*, Totman
* *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon
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|  | 23 | the impact of the Great Depression on Japan  | * Economic and social impact of depression
* Impact upon political leadership, militarism and designs on Manchuria
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* *Japan faces the World*, Hanneman
* *History of Japan*, Totman
* *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon
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|  | 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
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* *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon
* *Concise History of Japan*, Walker
* *History of Japan*, Cullen
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|  | 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
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* *Japan faces the World*, Hanneman
* *History of Japan*, Totman
* *Modern History of Japan*, Gordon
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