

HISTORY OF Modern East Asia II (c. 1868-1945)

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Module 1

I. Japan (c.1868-1945)

i. Transition from feudalism to capitalism:

- (a) Crisis of Tokugawa Bakufu system
- (b) Meiji Restoration: Its nature and Significance
- (c) Political Reorganization
- (d) Military Reforms
- (e) Social, cultural and educational reforms (bunmeikaika)
- (f) Financial reforms and educational development in the 'Meiji' era
- (g) Meiji Constitution

ii. Japanese Imperialism

- (a) China
- (b) Manchuria
- (c) Korea
- (d) Democracy and Militarism/Fascism
- (e) Popular/People's Rights Movement
- (f) Nature of political parties
- (g) Rise of Militarism-Nature and significance
- (h) Second World War; American occupation
- (i) Post-War Changes

Module 2

II. Emergence of Modern Korea

- (a) The old order and Institutional Decay: Joseon Korea
- (b) Korea's interactions with the western powers and Korea's unequal treaties with Japan
- (c) Attempts at social, political and economic reforms in Korea
- (d) Japan's colonization: March First Movement and the growth of Korean nationalism; in situational transformation 1910-1945
- (e) Post-War Changes

ESSENTIAL READINGS

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