

JAPAN DURING WORLD WAR II

A HISTORY WORKSHOP

CONGRATULATIONS!

You and your colleagues have been awarded a prestigious Japan History Lab Grant.

Japan History Lab was established in 2015 by a generous endowment from an anonymous private donor to bring together world class scholars of Japanese History to collaborate on exciting new ways to share stories of the nation's history using digital technologies.

Japan History Lab is very excited to invite your team to curate an online resource on a selected theme related to Japan's experience of the Asia-Pacific War in the inaugural contribution to this long-term project, (see below for a list of available themes).

This three-month grant will provide your team with computer lab time, and training in relevant digital media skills, a weekly lecture series, and workspace for creating the project. The grant will also provide an online content management system and a full-time tech-support professional to support the project.

THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROJECT ARE:

1. Each team member must contribute one well researched and written article to the project (Research Essay)
2. Team members will be collectively responsible for the content and quality of the finished project (Peer Review, Workflow)
3. The project must revolve around a selected theme (see below) and present a coherent narrative or statement related to that theme.
4. The project must incorporate multimedia to illustrate and provide deeper context for contributed articles and the overall theme.
5. All information and media used in the project must be properly sourced and cited with an online bibliography.
6. The project must incorporate an interactive timeline and at least two interactive map layers that complement and support the overall theme of the project.

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Japan History Lab was founded to bring the critical consideration of Japan's History to a wider audience in new and exciting ways. It aims to achieve these goals by following the following three principles:

Japan History Lab is...

NOT A PUBLICATION, BUT AN EXPERIMENT.

It pushes the boundaries of historical narrative.

NOT A PERFORMANCE, BUT A PROTOTYPE.

It develops new skills and challenges old ones.

NOT A PRODUCT, BUT A PROCESS.

It evolves with input from diverse people, old archives and new tools.

We hope that your team will embrace the spirit of these principles, and not only take ownership of the project, but also have fun in the process.

SHORT-LIST OF THEMES FOR THE FALL 2015 CONTRIBUTION TO JAPAN HISTORY LAB:

- Everyday Life in time of War
- A Soldier's (or Sailor's) Eye View of World War II
- Representations of Japan's War
- The Greater East-Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere: Dreams and Realities
- Memories of Atrocity