

FALL21 Course-EALC 275/CWL 311

Masterpieces of East **I** Asian Literature



In this course, we read some of the greatest works from the literary traditions of China, Japan, Korea in order to deepen our understanding of these cultures and hone our skills in literary analysis. We will contextualize these works in their cultural milieu but also draw from them valuable lessons for the present. When is it right to rebel against authority? Does love lead to happiness? How can one find peace and contentment in times of turmoil and disaster? What is morally right when life makes you choose between love and family? Is revenge ever just? What is the meaning of life? The reading list includes such celebrated classics as the *Revenge of the 47 Masterless samurai*, the *Tale of Genji*, the *Journey to the West*, the story of the Faithful

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Time and Location: Lectures: MW 12:00-12:50, 21
Psychology Bldg. Discussion session: F (Times and Rooms
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