

HIST 381 WINTER 2026 (ONLINE) CULTURE GEP,
PROF. CONSTANTINE VAPORIS

JAPANESE HISTORY THRU FILM/LIT.



THINK GODZILLA
IS JUST A
MONSTER
FLICK? (THINK
AGAIN!)

In this course you will study Japanese history from 1600-present through the media of film and literature. The course explores the relationship between history and drama, in particular, how they can illuminate or conceal basic truths and values of the past. Views of feudal life & modern times, obsessions with honor & suicide, the changing role of women in society, the encounter between Japanese & foreign cultures, and themes of war & pacifism will be investigated.