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Social Studies Section

The CRDG Social Studies program features three excellent history texts: *A History of Hawai'i*, *China: Understanding Its Past*, and *The Rise of Modern Japan*.

These innovative materials

- are written especially for high school students.
- are activity-centered to foster critical thinking.
- utilize primary documents, cartoons, stories, poems, charts, timelines, etc., to stimulate student interest.
- are complemented by resources such as teachers' manuals, CDs, and professional development institutes (China and Japan).

Also available is *Ethics in Thought and Action: Social and Professional Perspectives*, in which students are able to review crucial ethical issues through case studies.

One –week professional development courses based on the China and Japan materials are scheduled for summer 2002.

China: Understanding Its Past

By Eileen H. Tamura, Linda K. Menton, Noren W. Lush, Francis K.D. Tsui, with Warren Cohen

An innovative, activity-centered high school textbook on Chinese history, incorporating

- role plays.
- simulations.
- first-person accounts.
- political cartoons.
- plays and dramatizations.
- diary entries.
- short stories and folk tales.
- timelines
- imperial edicts, legal documents, and treaties.
- letters to the editor.
- propaganda posters and speeches
- CD with selection of Chinese music, plus English translations of lyrics.

Teacher's Manual

A comprehensive teacher's manual for *China: Understanding Its Past* includes

- a synopsis of each chapter.
- learner outcomes.
- reproducible handouts.
- possible responses to questions posed in the student text.

A History of Hawai'i

By Linda K. Menton and Eileen H. Tamura

Written for high school students, this is a rich and readable account of the history of Hawai'i presented in three chronological units, each with chapters treating political, economic, social and land history in the context of events in the United States and the Pacific region.

In 1990, *A History of Hawai'i* received an Award of Merit, honoring achievement in the preservation and interpretation of regional and local history, the most prestigious honor conferred by the American Association for State and Local History.

Teacher's Manual

A Teacher's Manual for *A History of Hawai'i*, essential to deriving full value from using the student book, contains reproducible handouts, timelines, chapter summaries, main ideas, objectives, instructions for activities, and answers to questions.

Ethics in Thought and action: Social and Professional Perspectives

By Warren Cohen

In this innovative text, students confront several crucial ethical issues through case studies. Students are encouraged to draw connections between traditional thinkers and contemporary situations. Among the issues discussed are the manufacture of chemical weapons, the abortion debate, and the influence of the media on American life. Readings are introduced in clear, non-technical commentary. Each chapter includes a summary, review questions, and student activities.

The Rise of Modern Japan

Available Fall 2002

By Linda K. Menton, Noren W. Lush, Eileen H. Tamura, and Chance I. Gusukuma

An innovative high text on the history and culture of Japan from the Tokugawa era to the present that includes

- maps and timelines.
- archival photos.
- literary excerpts
- first-person accounts & diary entries
- songs and poems
- charts and graphs
- political cartoons.
- CD includes samples of Japanese music with English translations of lyrics.

Teacher's Manual

A comprehensive teacher's manual for *The Rise of Modern Japan* includes

- synopsis of each chapter.
- learner outcomes.
- definitions of key concepts.
- reproducible handouts.
- possible responses to questions posed in the student text.