TED Talk (September 2022)

"Russia, Ukraine and Fake News"

Group 1 - History
https://ed.ted.com/lessons/where-did-russia-come-from-alex-gendler 5:20 mins

The history of the Ukraine-Russia crisis explained | TED-Ed 9:30mins

Group 2 - Fake News
https://www.ted.com/talks/laura_galante_how_and_why_russia_hacked_the_us_election 9:25 mins

Olga Yurkova: Inside the fight against Russia's fake news empire | TED Talk 5:10 mins

Group 3 - Putin & Ukraine

https://www.ted.com/talks/garry_kasparov_stand_with_ukraine_in_the_fight_against_evil?language=en&subtitle=en 15:03 mins

Books recommended by Karen Brookes:

"The Man Without A Face - the unlikely rise of Vladimir Putin" by Masha Gessen. A chilling account of how a low-level KGB operative came to control the world's largest country and, in an astonishingly short time, destroyed years of progress, making Russia once more a threat to her own people and to the world.

"Dressed Up For A Riot . Misadventures in Putin's Moscow." by Micael Idov. Another fascinating book full of humour about the absurd situations in which he found himself under a dictatorship but which gradually became more threatening as time passed and the population protested more frequently.

And a selection of books relating to the leaders of Russia which have shaped the country as we see it today.

"Stalin – a biography" by Robert Service.

"Genghis Khan - the Man Who Conquered the World." by Frank McLynn.

"Peter the Great - His Life and Work" by Robert K. Massie

"Catherine the Great - Portrait of a Woman" by Robert K Massie.

"Nicholas and Alexandra" - by Robert K Massie.

A book recommended by Rosamund Arthur:

"Second Hand Time" by Svetlana Alexievich. Brilliant but harrowing first hand accounts, authored by a winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, of the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the emergence of a new Russia