

Teaching and Learning about Ukraine
a compilation of existing resources and ideas prepared by student volunteers affiliated
with the Ukrainian Politics Network

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Institutions with curricular materials about Ukraine

- Brown University Choices Programme's '[The Ukraine Crisis](#)'
- [CFR Education](#)
- [Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute](#) ('[Ukrainica](#)')
- [New York Times Teaching Resources](#)
- University of Tartu's MOOC '[Ukraine: The European Frontier](#)'
- Timothy Snyder's '[The Making of Modern Ukraine](#)' lectures

Stimulating greater interest in Ukrainian politics among students

→ Why should people be interested in Ukraine? Vitally important to make connections!

- Dingwall Trident & Hallmuir Ukrainian Chapel, or, e.g. Wales → John Hughes → Yuzovka → Donetsk
- Integrate with this recent scheme launched under the auspices of the new partnership:



The British Council pairs British and Ukrainian schools with financing for teachers to go to Poland to meet and classroom resources on 'reading for pleasure and Ukrainian language and culture' in partnership with the National Literary Trust.

- Encourage members to contact colleagues/friends in Scotland and Ukraine for inspiration and input.

Tutorial activities

- Use sources below for inspiration
- Student presentations on aspects of Ukrainian politics and society

- Little known Constitution of Pylyp Orlyk: separation of executive/judicial/legislative powers anticipated Montesquieu by four decades – Hetman restrained, Cossack parliament. It's a great way to connect Ukrainian political history with Western narrative.

Themes to discuss in lectures

- Comparative study – for instance, contrasts European/Global South/Russian/US views on Ukraine to elucidate a better understanding of conflict dynamics. Does the Ukrainian case have parallels?
 - BUT: How do we centralise the Ukrainian perspective?
- Literature: Alfred Stepan, 'Ukraine: Improbable Democratic "Nation-State", but Possible Democratic "State-Nation"?' → excellent overview of Ukraine's politics
- Focus on stories: the Russian Tsar didn't let Taras Shevchenko paint or write – an illustration of the oppression of the Ukrainian nation.

Sources of Reliable Information

<https://ukraine.ua/> (official website)

Books

The Gates of Europe: A History of Ukraine ([EuropeNow](#) & [Foreign Affairs](#) reviews)

Film & Television

Chernobyl

Mr Jones

Ukraine: Masks of the Revolution

Ukraine on Fire

Ukraine's War: The Other Side

Winter on Fire

Music

Khrystyna Soloviy

Nina Matvienko