World History   (4th Wednesday)

We amateur students of history meet to watch DVDs covering various periods of history.  Although many periods in history are generally familiar to us, the lectures give us greater depth to these times.  We have learned about several ‘Crimes of the Century’, some of which were truly horrendous, and for many of them no killer has ever been identified.  Another DVD that we watched was entitled ‘The Siege of Stalingrad’, which was shown from the German point of view, with English subtitles fortunately.  In the pipeline for our next few meetings are ‘The Wars of the Roses’ and ‘Fall of Eagles’, the ‘Eagles’ being the Hapsburgs, Romanovs and Hohenzollerns who were the three most powerful dynasties in the period leading up to the First World War.

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