

AP Comparative Government: Summer Assignment

- Ensure you have a copy of **Putin Country: A Journey into the Real Russia** by Anne Garrels. Copies can be found on Amazon for under \$5. (Note – this is the only book/textbook you will need to have for this class.) **Paperback / hardback only** –no digital format.
- Read pages 1-100 (Stop at the chapter labeled “Schoolhouses and Barracks”)
 - Approximate time to complete pages 1-100 depends on reading speed, but around 4 hours. The book is written by a longtime NPR correspondent who writes in a quick, engaging way. The pages will fly by.
 - We will complete the rest of the book during the first two weeks of school.
 - Overarching question to ponder: *Compare and contrast a city in the middle of Russia like Chelyabinsk to a city in the middle of America. What similarities and differences can you find in regards to politics, drug abuse, corruption, economy, population identity, rule of law?*