



## **RUSSIA FEDERATION: GOVERNMENT AND INSTITUTIONS**

### **Group Project**

Directions – Your team will be assigned an institution of the Russian government:

- I. The President and Prime Minister
- II. The Legislature: The Duma and the Federal Council
- III. The Judiciary (Constitutional Court)
- IV. Political Parties and Elections

Tasks - Your task is to research, and present the information to our comparative group using a very brief PowerPoint). Each team must provide information re: the following:

- a) Power and Authority: 1) What traditional and “legal” powers does the institution possess, 2) In reality, how much power does the institution actually have? how does it wield that power?
- b) Structure and Function – How does the institution work? .....or not?
- c) Leaders – Who are key leaders past and present (if applicable) and what should we know about them?

### Suggested Resources:

- Haas Ch. 9 *Russia* (p. 240-257)
- Articles: *Russia is Finished*, *The long life of Homo sovieticus*, *Putin's Revenge*
- BBC Country Profile::  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country\\_profiles/1102275.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1102275.stm)
- CIA Factbook: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/rs.html>
- General Information on Russia: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian\\_Federation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_Federation)