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From Pushkin to Patterson: The importance of "pleasure reading" in Russia and the United States

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1. We plan to address the problem of declining "pleasure reading" in the United States as compared to Russia and discuss the implications. We will also address why reading for pleasure is important and we will show the benefits that come from reading for pleasure in both countries.

2. Our main method of research is to design a survey that will be administered to adults in Russia and the United States that will provide us with information on their opinions and beliefs on "pleasure reading". These results will be compared between countries to find out the similarities and differences on this topic.

3. We will conduct literature searches on Russian and American articles, interviews, etc. to gain new knowledge on "pleasure reading". For example, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), a United States organisation, published research on how "pleasure reading" has declined and the consequences of this decline.

4. We will discuss findings from the surveys conducted in Russia and the United States and we will share the ideas and opinions of the participants, comparing results from both countries. We are interested to discover differences, similarities, and new ideas that can have direct implications for "pleasure reading" in both countries.