**Freshman Final Project: Age of Exploration**

**DUE: 1/21/14**

**NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!**

**MY EXPLORER:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

This is a research project to help familiarize you with the Age of Exploration, and your explorer in particular. I have set up a template in PowerPoint to help you focus on the research. **If you would like to be creative, that would be great, but you need to pay attention to the directions.** Each slide will be graded on the following criteria:

**4**-all required information is included and thoroughly analyzed. Maps and pictures are contemporaneous, explained, and deeply analyzed. All information connects to create a cohesive understanding of the explorer.

**3**-information is relevant and connected. All required information is included and mostly analyzed. Maps and pictures are contemporaneous to the information on the slide and at times included in the analysis.

**2**-obvious attempt made, information is generally relevant and connected. Maps are contemporaneous (happening at the same time…) to the information on the slide. Slides are complete with some analysis

**1**-some attempt made, information is partially relevant, loosely connected, and mostly complete

**0**-not attempted or minimal effort noted. Information is irrelevant, not connected, or incomplete

For each score, it will be multiplied by the “weight” I am assigning to each slide, after which I will add those totals for a total possible score of: **100 points.**

**SLIDE CONTENT—pay attention…**

Title Slide: Your explorer, your name, period, semester, date (x1)

2nd slide: Picture or pictures of explorer (x2)

3rd slide: Short biography of explorer—one PARAGRAPH (x3)

4th slide: Country your explorer is from with map. (x2)

* The map should reflect the country at the time the explorer was active. In other words, if you are using Columbus your map should reflect Spain as it was in the 1490’s

5th Slide: What is going on in that country that allows or demands exploration? (x2)

 SPEC…. Please be sure what you put down is relevant to the project!

6th Slide: What area(s) did your explorer visit? (x2)

 What were they searching for?

 What did they actually find?

7th Slide: Map or maps detailing major explorations (x2)

8th Slide: What was the result of the explorations? (x3)

* Did the country your explorer represented hold on to the territory? Lose it to another country?
* Were there any colonies founded? Major cities?

9th Slide: Who were the indigenous people in the locations that were explored?—ONE PARAGRAPH (x3)

* What was their way of life like prior to explorer contact?
* What happened to them?

10th Slide: Who owns the area now? What does it produce or where does it get its wealth from? (x2)

11th Slide: What is the lasting legacy of your explorer? (Why was he important?)—ONE PARAGRAPH (x3)

* If applicable, what is the modern perception of your explorer?