Modern European History

European Exploration

Basic Research Activity Guidelines

Name of Explorer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Type the following information into a Google Doc and share it with me:

**(citations of research sources required - see format handout)**

date and place of birth and death

sponsoring country(ies)

locations and dates of exploration (including length of each voyage)

successes and failures of explorations

effects on the area(s) explored

other significant life events of the explorer

at least one “fun fact” separate from the other information

FAQ

Q: Am I required to use multiple sources or can I just use one?

A: You should ALWAYS use multiple sources for any information! For this exercise, you must use at least three different sources, relying on each for a similar amount of information (don’t use one source for almost all the information and then use two others for birth/death info).

Q: Is Wikipedia permitted as a source?

A: Yes, as long as the information is corroborated by at least one other non-Wikipedia related source.

Q: Will I be using this information for any other assignment(s)?

A: Yes; you will write an essay and create a poster presentation that incorporates the information you locate during this activity.

Q: Am I required to use correct spelling and grammar and complete sentences?

A: You are required to use correct spelling and grammar as you will be typing this and will have access to spellcheck. You should *try* to use complete sentences whenever possible, as it will be more efficient to have completed sentences now to transfer into your essay later on, but listed or bulleted information will be acceptable for this assignment.

Q: Am I required to cite every source I look at?

A: You are only required to cite sources you USE; if you write down information from a source it must be cited. If you read something that leads you to another source but you do not use the information from the initial source it does not need to be cited.

Q: Am I required to have a separate works cited page?

A: Use the “endnote” option and type the correct citation information; this will create a list of all the sources that will appear at the end of your information.