Modern European History

Unit 3 - Exploration

Basic Research Activity Guidelines

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

Type the following information into a Google Doc (ON YOUR SCHOOL GOOGLE DOC ACCOUNT) and share it with me:

**(citations of sources required – Use chicago manual of style format)**

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 and no; you may use Wikipedia as a starting point, but corroborate the information with at least one other non-Wikipedia related source; then cite THAT source.

Q: What will I be doing with this information?

A: Later in this unit you will build on this information to write an essay and create a poster presentation.

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

A: Yes; complete sentences are a must and you will be typing this so will have access to spellcheck.

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 insert 🡪 footnote option on GoogleDocs and add the correct citation information in the footnote section at the bottom of the page.