Modern European History

Unit 3 - Exploration

Basic Research Activity Guidelines

**Highlight the explorer you have been assigned in the list below:**

Amerigo Vespucci

Bartholomeu Dias

Bernal Díaz del Castillo

Christopher Columbus

Ferdinand Magellan

Francisco Pizarro

Francisco Vasquez de Coronado

Giovanni De Verrazano

Henry Hudson

Hernando Cortez

Hernando de Soto

Jacques Cartier

Jacques Marquette

Jeanne Baret

John Cabot

Juan Ponce de Leon

Louis Jolliet

Marco Polo

Pedro Alvares Cabral

Samuel de Champlain

Sieur (Robert) de La Salle

Sir Francis Drake

Sir Humphrey Gilbert

Vasco da Gama

Vasco Nunez de Balboa

**Your basic explorer research must follow these format requirements:**

create a Google Doc on your school Google Doc account

name it like this: YOUR NAME EXPLORER NAME BASIC RESEARCH

double-spaced 12 pt. Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins

correct spelling and grammar in complete sentences (does not need to be in paragraph form)

uses at least 3 sources in roughly equal proportions (do NOT use Wikipedia as a source)

footnoted source citations in Chicago Manual of Style format

**Your basic explorer research must contain the following information:**

date and place of birth and death

sponsoring country(ies)

locations and begin/end dates of exploration(s)

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?

A: You should ALWAYS use multiple sources for any information you research! 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). You may use Wikipedia as a starting point, but corroborate the information with at least one other source; then cite THAT source.

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: How do I put footnotes in to my work?

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