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Class Period: _____



Age of Exploration: Explorer Portfolio Project

(MAJOR-ASSESSMENT GRADE)



The Age of Exploration was an important time in our history. Explorers risked their lives to learn more about the world, and our country wouldn't be the same today if it weren't for their discoveries. Your task is to design a portfolio that highlights several important aspects of the Age of Exploration. Your portfolio should be based on facts from researching this time period and your explorer, and they should include the following criteria:

1. Biographical Paragraph

Write a one-paragraph (minimum 7 sentences) summary that includes:

- Answers to the 5 “W” questions (who, what, when, where, why)
- Motives for voyage
- Impacts/Accomplishments of voyage

2. First-Person Journal Entry

Using the same explorer as your biographical paragraph, write a creative one-paragraph (minimum 7 sentences) journal entry that includes:

- Historically accurate date of your journey
- Observations of your new findings or environment (climate, resources, culture, landscape)
- Where you're headed or what you hope to find
- Reflection of your emotions at this point in your journey
- Include at least two historically accurate pieces of information

3. Expedition Map

Create a hand-drawn map with the route drawn of the expeditions of your explorer. Your expedition map needs to have descriptive captions of the journey with at least 5 stops. Each caption should be 1-2 sentences in length and contain factual information about your explorer. A blank world map will be given to you, but you must draw in the route of your explorer.

4. Decorated Portfolio Cover

Design a portfolio cover that includes your explorer name, basic biographical facts (where/when they were born, death year, family information), and pictures/graphics about your explorer. Be creative and make your portfolio unique in remembering your explorer!

Explorer Portfolio Project Timeline – What needs to be accomplished each class period?

Friday, 9/15	Monday, 9/18	Tuesday, 9/ 19	Wednesday, 9/20	Thursday, 9/21	Friday, 9/22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Introduce project <input type="checkbox"/> Research your explorer using the resources provided in the classroom. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete your research outline for the main biographical paragraph and cover. <input type="checkbox"/> If time, begin writing your biographical paragraph <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure you include the following in your paragraph: the 5 “W” questions (who, what, where, when, why), motives for exploration, and accomplishments of your explorer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Finish your biographical paragraph <input type="checkbox"/> Start working on your creative journal entry (minimum 1 paragraph) <input type="checkbox"/> Things to consider when writing your journal entry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where are you and where are you going? ○ What have you seen? ○ What are your feelings about the journey? ○ Make sure your dates are historically accurate and you include a minimum of 2 other historical facts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Distribute manila folders for portfolio <input type="checkbox"/> Setup the basic design of your portfolio for all required information <input type="checkbox"/> Start researching for your Expedition Map – using the resources provided on the Weebly, research the route of your explorer finding at least five stops to add to your map <input type="checkbox"/> Glue down the blank world map and draw the route of your explorer’s expedition(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Write captions for each of the stops on your map (each caption should be 1-2 sentences) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue working on your Expedition Map if you didn’t finish it yesterday <input type="checkbox"/> Start writing your biographical paragraph on the left flap of your portfolio <input type="checkbox"/> Write your journal entry on the right flap of your portfolio <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure each of your paragraphs have at least 7 sentences! 	<p>TEACHER WORKDAY – If you are behind on your project, work on it at home today!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Finish any remaining parts of your project <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure your cover has the required information – your explorer name, basic biographical information, and pictures related to your explorer <input type="checkbox"/> If you complete your Explorer Portfolio Project early, you should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Add decoration to the cover or back of your portfolio ○ Read over your information and see if there is any additional details you could add <input type="checkbox"/> FINISH ANY REMAINING PARTS OF YOUR PORTFOLIO THIS WEEKEND! PROJECT DUE MONDAY, 9/25!