**Build a Colony!**

You and three fellow investors have come together to build your own colony in the New World. You will be creating a corporate plan to present to the king/queen of your parent country, hoping to convince him/her to allow you to settle in the nation’s name and invest in your company. Your plan for your joint stock company must include the following:

1. Corporate identifiers (15 points):
   1. Company name
   2. Where you are from
   3. Name of your planned colony
   4. Flag to represent your colony
   5. How profits will be shared among the investors
2. Where you plan to settle in the New World. This needs to be identified on a blank map that then include the following (10 points):
   1. Location of your colony
   2. Name of your colony
   3. Planned capital of the colony, other planned towns and cities
   4. Important geographic features of your chosen region (ocean, bays, rivers, mountains, forests, etc.)
   5. On a blank sheet of paper you will need to draw out the planned layout for your colony including structures, gardens, defenses, etc.
3. Motivation for colonization (10 points):
   1. Are you settling for God/Gold/Glory? Other?
   2. Explain your reasoning!
   3. Why should the king/queen grant you your charter? What does he/she get out of the colony?
4. Features of your region your colonists should plan for (15 points):
   1. Life expectancy, causes of death
   2. Natural resources available in your region, why they are important
   3. Relationship with the Native Americans, how that might affect settlement
5. Lives of your colonists when they get there:
   1. Gender roles (5 points)
   2. Economic activities – How will your colonists support themselves and their families? (5 points)
   3. Government structure (20 points):
      1. Will you have a local colonial legislature? Why or why not?
      2. If so, who will be eligible to vote? If not, why not?
      3. What will the legislature be responsible for?
      4. What will your government ties to the parent country be?
      5. What will be a sampling of laws that will help govern your colony? Base these laws on laws that *did* exist in Colonial America. You should include at least 5 carefully written laws.
      6. Create a constitution for your colony.(protecting rights, establishing certain laws and rules, etc.)
6. Recruiting
   1. In order to be successful you must be able to recruit colonist to move to your colony
   2. Must create a quick info sheet describing life in your colony, the benefits of living in your colony, and the governmental system in an attempt to convince others to move there.
   3. Must also create AT LEAST TWO advertisements for your colony
7. Formatting expectations (10 points):
   1. Information presented should be based in historical and geographic reality. You are to come to your decisions for where to settle, what your economic activities will be, etc., after research of your region. While *your colony* is fictitious, the region you are settling in, the experiences of your colonists were real – and your project is to reflect that fact.
   2. Professional presentation that is organized, easy to read, and in which the information is presented in a logical way.
8. Part of your grade will be based on:
   1. Your peer assessments and self-assessment, using rubrics. You will need to justify your grading choices.
      1. Completion of these assessments will be required. Your contribution to the group and the assessment of your contributions by your group members may affect your grade.
9. How to present your information:
   1. Your company must present your colony as a business proposal. Your proposal should be in a file packet with a cover sheet, table of contents, and should be organized by section.
   2. You must also have prepared an quick info sheet and advertisements for you colony in an attempt to convince your fellow settlers to move to and settle in your colony.
10. Important information about the project:
    1. This grade falls in the Major Assessments category.
    2. All group members are expected to contribute to this project. Individuals who do not contribute will not receive the same grade as those that do complete the project.
    3. All information in your project MUST be in your own words, utilizing your own analysis. Copying and pasting, even when quotation marks are included, is not allowed.