**The Background:** Europeans are beginning to explore far off places like India and China. Due to mercantilism and competing economies Europeans are in competition with one another for resources, land, and power. In 1492 Christopher Columbus set sail for India and ended up in the Caribbean, starting a continent-wide land grab between European countries in the Americas…

**DUE THURSDAY! 9/11/14**

**AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD**

**The Task: You will be responsible for researching (outlining and discussing)**

1. Conquest of the Americas (p. 110-114)

2. Spanish and Portuguese Colonies (p. 115-119)

3. Struggle for North America (p.120-124)

4. The Atlantic Slave Trade (p. 125-128)

5. Effects of Global Contact (p. 129-133)

Next you will need to take a look at a specific group of the time period and create a newspaper\* containing a minimum of two articles dealing with social issues of the time period, one visual (an example would be a photograph), and three other “items” from the list on the back (*you are not limited to these items - they are just suggestions to get you thinking).*

**Specific groups:**

Spain (section 1,2)\*

Portugal (section 1,2)\*

France (section 3)\*

England (section 3)\*

Native Americans (section 1,2)\*

*\*Pay special attention to mentions of your specific group in all sections of the chapter.*

**Presentation: Your group will be presenting to the class information on your specific groups as well as your newspapers/projects.**

**Timeframe**:

Day 1: Begin reading and begin research, organizing article topics, HW as needed

Day 2: Discuss/revisit information, writing articles, work on newspaper, HW as needed

Day 3: Finish up/Begin presentations

**Things to Include:**

**1**. A “catchy” name for your paper. (ex. The Flying Dutchman, Ye Olde Inquisitor, Colonial Scoop, etc…)

**2.** Two informative articles.

**3.** One Visual.

**4.** Three of the following (but not limited to):

A Dear Abby\* Section

A Horoscope Section

Want Adds

Over-the-Top Stories

Personals

Letters to the Editor

Political Cartoons

A Weather Watch

The “Old World” Watch

A Police/Constable Blotter

Market/Commodities Exchange Watch

**5**. ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU CAN THINK OF!!!

*\*I have placed an asterisk next to newspaper to mention that there are many kinds of newspapers: informative, tabloid, celebrity, etc… Have fun with it - be creative… BUT ACCURATE*!