

## Exploration and Colonization of the New World - Notable Figure Project

For this assignment, you will research a significant figure from the colonial era (1500-1750), analyze his/her impact and present that research and analysis on an interesting, visually appealing poster.

Possible options (to be determined by lottery):

1. Bartoleme de las Cassas (Spanish priest)
2. La Malinche, a.k.a. Dona Marina (translator to conquistador Hernan Cortes)
3. Powhatan (Native American chief)
4. Pocahontas (Native American)
5. Squanto (Wampanoag Native American)
6. Anne Hutchinson (Puritan woman and dissenter)
7. Anne Bradstreet (Puritan poet)
8. King Philip (a.k.a. Metacom, Native American sachem/chief)
9. William Penn (founder of Pennsylvania)
10. Roger Williams (founder of Connecticut)
11. James Oglethorpe (founder of Georgia)
12. Francis Bacon (leader of a popular uprising)
13. Olaudah Equiano (freed African slave and author)
14. John Winthrop (MA Bay governor)
15. John Smith (leader of Jamestown)
16. Christopher Columbus (explorer)
17. Hernan Cortes (conquistador)
18. Cotton Mather (Puritan minister and scientist)
19. Sarah Good (Salem "witch")

Create a poster with the following requirements in mind:

- Clearly display the person's name
- Summarize the person's significance in a paragraph (5-8 sentences). Be sure this is in your own words.
- Include a second paragraph that answers the following question: is this person a hero (someone who should be celebrated), or a villain (someone who is responsible for wrongdoing)?
- An image of the person (in color, preferably)
- Include proper MLA citations for the image and the information (we will go over this in class)

Format requirements:

- Use no more than ½ of a piece of standard poster board
- Type your written responses
- Create a nice design for the poster - make it interesting, colorful and neat, and reflective of the individual you are representing.

Grading will be based on (5 points per category):

- Quality of writing
- Visual appeal of the poster - neat, nice to look at, well designed and well put together
- Accuracy of information
- Thoughtfulness of the opinion response
- Quality of the sources used and proper citations included

Worth 25 points and due at the start of class on **Monday 10/31** (-5 points per day late)

The following progress checks will count as homework assignments and be due on the following dates:

- Progress check 1: page of notes, or sources with highlights/notes in the margins - Wednesday 10/26
- Progress check 2: source citations complete and in MLA format - Friday 10/28