

## Exploration and Colonization: The Colonies Awards

For this assignment, you will select and create various categories of awards for superlative aspects of the European colonies in the Americas. Your final product may be either a video of the awards show itself or a poster. You may work with one partner on this project if you wish (or you may work alone).

### Requirements:

- Create 5 categories in which you will award a colony award. These can be fun but must also be positive (this isn't the Razzies!), meaningful and relevant.
- Write a brief explanation (2-3 sentences) of the winner's accomplishments that basically explains why he/she/they won the category. This is like a combination of what the announcer reads as the nominees are introduced and what he/she reads as the winner makes his/her/their way to the stage. The latter usually notes past work that the winner is well known for.
- Write an acceptance speech for the winner of each of the categories. In the speech, include relevant historical details and make mention of at least one other nominee in the category. (Length should be about 1 paragraph, or longer if you want).
- If you work with a partner, you must create a total of 5 awards that meet the above requirements. If you work alone, you must create 3.

### Final product:

- You may create either a 5-10 minute video of the "awards show" OR a poster that includes all of the above information as well as images of all the winners and 3 other images (these can be original artwork, photos or other appropriate graphics).
- If you make a video, please upload it to You Tube and share the link with me.

### Grading will be based on:

\_\_\_\_\_/10 Accuracy and relevancy of the historical information and visuals/images  
\_\_\_\_\_/10 Depth of understanding and use of specific details  
\_\_\_\_\_/10 Creativity, sophistication and demonstration of unique thought  
\_\_\_\_\_/10 Effort apparent in the creation/assembly of the final product  
\_\_\_\_\_/10 Quality (fluidity, preparedness) of the writing and in-class presentation

Your final product is due in class on **Tuesday 10/2**. Please be prepared to give a short presentation of what you've created. This project is worth 50 points for term 1.