UNIT 5 Project The Absolute SUPERHERO

OVERVIEW: This is an INDIVIDUAL project that should reflect in-depth knowledge of a particular monarch. YOU WILL CREATE AN ABSOLUTE SUPERHERO. **The project will mix historical fact with the modern superhero genre**.

All projects must include the following components:

1. **INTRODUCTION/PREFACE (15 pts):** You will need to include a 1-2 page essay detailing the background information and support for your SUPERHERO. Think if it as a "preface" to a book. It should introduce your ABSOLUTE SUPERHERO.
   a. Consider the following:
      i. Briefly discuss the monarch's basic biographical information
      ii. How did the monarch grow and strengthen his/her power? How did your monarch face the challenges or threats to his/her rule?
      iii. What characteristics made your monarch an absolute ruler? Consider his/her strengths? Weaknesses?
      iv. What is the legacy of his/her rule?
   b. The support for your project must be research based and go beyond material from class/book. If your research does not go any deeper than this, the best score you can achieve on that portion of the rubric is a "C".
   c. Parenthetical citations (MLA Format) are a must.

2. **ABSOLUTE SUPERHERO CARDS (25 pts):** Your super-hero will have all of the characteristics of the flawless Absolute ruler of this time. <u>Your hero must reflect 10 defining characteristics</u> (see list below).
   a. You will need a 1 paragraph minimum explanation for each of your characteristics **WITH** supporting historical evidence (examples) & referenced information (MLA).
   b. Each characteristic needs a visual component
   c. It must be creatively displayed (cards no larger than a normal sheet of paper).
   d. Clean, neat, and in presentation format.
   e. Must be typed. 12 font, normal font.

   <u>10 SUPERHERO CHARACTERISTICS:</u>
1. Superhero Name	2. Super Power (one)
3. Side-kick	4. Unique Piece of Equipment
5. Headquarters/Base of Operation	6. Weakness/Achilles Heel
7. Arch Nemesis/Anti-Hero	8. Catch Phrase
9. "Code" to Live by	10. Picture of Superhero (in costume with explanation)

3. **WORKS CITED (5 pts):** You will **need a minimum of 3** outside sources reflected in a typed and MLA formatted bibliography/works cited page. _**Exception:**_ the primary source may be one that we use in class.
   a. 1 primary source (eye witness account by the person or about the person from the time period.)
   b. 2 secondary sources (academic journals from Jstor or PPLD World History in Context or Biographies, books, biographies, _**NO**_ encyclopedias or websites)
   c. You may have additional sources as needed (including those in our textbooks, but you must use outside resources in project requirements #1 and #2)

4. **PRESENTATION (5 pts):** You will have **<u>4 minutes</u>** to present your absolute Superhero to a small group. Winners of the small group will then each have 4 minutes to present to the entire class. The Absolute Superhero Cards should play a key role in the presentation.

THE LIST: Choose ONE leader from the list below. (A leader can only be chosen once unless all other choices have been exhausted.)

Philip II
Elizabeth I
Henry IV (of Navarre)
Cardinal Richelieu
Louis XIV
Peter the Great
James I
Charles I
Oliver Cromwell
Charles II
James II
Frederick William I
Thomas Hobbes (Not technically a monarch, but a philosopher who wrote extensively about a monarch's power*

PRELIMINARY RESEARCH NOTES:

INTRODUCTION/PREFACE (15 pts):

Evidence: Sufficiency	Evidence: Accuracy and Scholarly Voice	Argumentation/Thesis	Organization/ Grammar
- Reports on key background information - Notes how the monarch developed and strengthened his/her absolute power - Discusses the monarch's strengths and weaknesses - Notes the monarch's legacy	- All information is *relevant* to the absolute monarch - *Accuracy:* Few, if any, factual mistakes. - Information is properly cited from outside sources (paraphrases acceptable) in MLA format and is used to create scholarly voice.	-Thesis is specific to the monarch and the project's focus (absolute superhero). - Claims are specific and tie back to the thesis - Warrants clearly show the significance of the data to the thesis	-Paragraphs are correctly organized around a coherent idea and topic sentence -The writing demonstrates a strong "level of control" over the topic. -Few, if any errors in capitalization, punctuation, or grammar. -Typed, 12 pt font, 1 inch margins, TCA Header
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NOTE: A 30% penalty will be applied to this part of the rubric for papers that do not demonstrate the use of outside resources through proper MLA citations.

ABSOLUTE SUPERHERO CARDS (25 pts):

Content	Visual Component	Professionalism /Creativity
- Makes a convincing connection between the absolute monarch and each of the 10 characteristics - 1 paragraph in length (4-5 sentences minimum) - Includes supporting evidence that is cited	- each superhero category has a relevant visual component - artwork is aesthetically pleasing, tells you something about the topic, and adds value to the final product.	-good mix of facts and creative approach - overall cohesiveness (consistency of style, fonts, approach, etc) - each characteristic has its own card (page). - clean and neat in appearance - few, if any errors in capitalization, punctuation, or grammar - typed, 12 pt font
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NOTE: A 10% penalty will be applied to this part of the rubric for each superhero characteristic omitted from the final product.

RESEARCH/WORKS CITED (5 pts):

_____ / 1 pt: Primary Source is properly cited and is relevant to the topic

_____ / 1 pt: Secondary Source #1 is properly cited and is relevant to the topic

_____ / 1 pt: Secondary Source #2 is properly cited and is relevant to the topic

_____ / 1 pt: Sources are alphabetical and space properly per MLA guidelines

_____ / 1 pt: Possesses a TCA header, 12 pt font, and 1" margins

PRESENTATION (5 pts):

_____ / 3 pt: Presents a persuasive and informative presentation to a small group and answers questions (4 minutes.)

_____ / 2 pt: Effectively uses the absolute superhero cards in the presentation.

_____ / 1 pt: Takes notes during presentations and asks relevant questions of those presenting.

TOTAL POINTS: _____ / 50 Points