**Absolutism**

From the late 16th century until the beginning of the 18th century, great changes affected the nations of Europe. During this time of crisis, European monarchs attempted to centralize and strengthen their power. A number of absolute monarchs and rulers played key roles during this time period. For this project, your group will choose one historical figure from the era of state building in Europe, research the subject’s role in the great changes that took place in Europe, and present your findings as a presentation to the class.

**Procedure:**

1. Groups assigned
2. Choose ruler
3. Research ruler
4. Prepare PowerPoint for the class (categories will be given to the groups)
5. Present information

**Requirements:**

1. 3 Sources are required – ONE must be a book – Make sure you include a works cited slide in proper MLA format.
2. Oral presentation to the class about assigned ruler
3. Criteria that must be included in presentation:
   1. Pictures of the Monarch
   2. Map showing where the monarch rules
   3. Quotes by this ruler that best reflects what they were like
   4. Examine the following categories and tell how they attempted to rule as an absolute monarch
      1. Political power – nobility, councils, administration
      2. Military power – wars, strong military
      3. Economic power – taxes, government spending
      4. Social power – control over the lives of the people, religion
      5. Cultural power – Influence on art, literature, architecture
   5. Include any interesting/unique facts about your ruler
4. Each member in the group will be responsible for their own component of the project – you are to create a list of who is covering the various topics presented above (topics are in BOLD print). Your grade will be based on your individual work and the work of your group. Your group grade will be based on the cohesiveness and content of the final project, the interaction between group members, and how well your group used the time given during class.
5. Each group will create a PowerPoint presentation of your ruler to the class – your group is responsible for providing the necessary information to the rest of the class about your ruler

**Grading:**

This project will be worth 60 points – (30 individual, 30 group). You are expected to be present on the day your group is to present – groups will present even if some members are absent.

**Rulers:**

**England –** Elizabeth I, James I

**France –** Louis XIV

**Spain –** Philip II

**Russia –** Peter the Great, Catherine the Great

**Prussia –** Frederick II

**Austria –** Joseph II

**Time Frame:**

Research: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Presentations Begin : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_