This project will consist of researching one of the maritime and land empires of Period 4 (1450-1750). We will be placing these empires in a bracket and the class will decide who the winner is. In order to prove the greatness of your empire, you must research the following components:

- Size of the empire how much territory did it control?
- Duration of the empire how long did it last?
- Methods of rule how did the empires take over territories and how did they administer it?
- Labor Systems what types of systems did the empires use to run their economies
- Accomplishments what accomplishments did these empires produce?
- Use of bureaucratic elites and the military what were the roles of these people and how were they used by the rulers.
- Treatment of people of other religions in the empire
- Cultural advancements in what ways did the empire contribute to world culture
- Technological advancements new innovations and inventions
- Negative impacts what were the negative worldwide impacts of the empire.

You will be creating a visual bracket that gives the information above as well as:

• A thesis statement explaining why their empire is the best, with three arguments in support of the thesis.

Period 4 Empires:

- Spanish
- Portuguese
- English
- French
- Dutch
- Qing
- Russian
- Ottoman
- Mughal