This project will consist of researching one of the maritime empires of Unit 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?
- 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
- Technological advancements new innovations and inventions
- Negative impacts what were the negative worldwide impacts of the empire.

Groups will present their information as well as produce an outline for the class. The outline should include:

- A thesis statement explaining why their empire is the best, with three arguments in support of the thesis
- An outline of information supporting the argument. (Details and specifics)

I will be grading all of your information. The class will be "grading" you be making a judgement on whether your empire is the greatest.

Period 4 Empires:

- English
- French
- Dutch