Colonial America: Research Paper Criteria

General Formatting
- Font Options
  - Text: Arial, Calibri, or Cambria (select one)
  - Size: 12
- Spacing
  - Line spacing should be 1.5
- Margins
  - Top, Bottom, Left, and Right margins should be 0.75

Cover Page
- Title
  - Name of Colony (Maryland, Pennsylvania,)
  - Top of page and Centered
  - Text: Arial, Calibri, or Cambria (should be same as paper)
  - Font Size: 48
  - Text should be bold
  - Color: Black, Blue, Green, Purple, Maroon
- Map of Colony - 1600s not recent
  - Centered under Title
  - Color Image (Google Search ex: New Jersey colony map)
  - Enlarge to be at least half of page or as large as possible
- Quote, Motto, Saying
  - By famous person, from famous document created by your colony, or come up with your own
  - Must reflect a positive aspect of your colony. Be creative!
  - Reference Source of quote
  - Centered, not bold, black, Size 12 Font
- Partner Names - Centered, not bold, black, Size 12 Font
- Date - Centered, not bold, black, Size 12 Font
- See Example Cover Sheet Below

Body of Paper
- 8 - 10 pages (not including cover page)
- Page numbers inserted in lower right hand corner (not on cover page)
  - Click “INSERT” in tool bar -> Select “HEADER & PAGE NUMBER” -> Select “PAGE NUMBER” -> Select option in the Lower Right Hand Corner. See Mr. Speed with questions.
- Headings Font Size 14, Bold, Color Black
- Skip a line between each paragraph, Indent each new paragraph (Hit TAB Key once to indent)
Headings for Sections of Paper

- **Introduction**
  - Opening paragraph which introduces the topic of the paper. Need to tell the reader about the main idea of your paper. Think about the purpose of the paper which is to both inform and entertain.
  - Includes the years that make up the Colonial Period.

- **Three Colonial Regions**
  - New England Colonies, Middle Colonies, Southern Colonies
  - Map of 3 Regions with all colonies labeled
  - Be sure to HIGHLIGHT your colony in some way!

- **Your Colony’s Name: Founding**
  - Year colony founded, Also what order was it founded (1st colony, 4th colony, etc)
  - By what person(s), company, etc. Other important people?
  - Where did most settlers come from (England, Germany, etc.)?
  - Why colony founded (ex: religious freedom, search for gold, land, etc.)

- **Politics (Government)**
  - Important documents, Elected Officials.
  - Who had power? Who could participate? Who could not participate?
  - Other information?

- **Economy**
  - Types of jobs, how did folks earn money, make a living in your colony?

- **Religion**
  - Open to all or limited to one particular religion, if so which one?

- **Society Life**
  - What was life like for men, women, children
  - What did they do when they weren’t working?
  - Type of education for children (all children or only some?)
  - Foods they ate? Clothes (men, women, children)?
  - City vs. Country

- **Intelligence (Inventions)**
  - Impact on colony in a positive or negative way?
  - Brought with them from “Old” World?

- **Arts (Architecture)**
  - Housing, Art, pottery, etc.

- **Geography**
  - Describe land, soil, climate, location to water, terrain, etc.

- **Natural Resources**
  - Discuss your colonies natural resources
  - INSERT MAP OF 13 COLONIES DIVIDED INTO REGIONS BY COLOR, EACH COLONY LABELED, AND LEGEND OF NATURAL RESOURCES PRIMARY TO EACH REGION.
Legend: Fishing, Cotton, Lumber, Tobacco, Indigo, Wheat, Cotton

- **Triangular Trade Routes (Europe, Africa, West Indies, North America)**
  - INSET MAP SHOWING goods/services/slaves imported and exported

- **Relationship with Native Americans**
  - Friends? Foes? How did they help settlers?
  - Tribes in each region
  - Tribes in your colony
  - How did life change for Native Americans?
  - Important figures?
  - War? Traditions?

- **Slavery**
  - Slavery’s Role in the 13 Colonies (different for each of the regions)
  - Why were slaves brought over from Africa?
  - What was life like for slaves? Slave codes?
  - Education?
  - INCLUDE MAP OF AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE ROUTES AND NUMBERS OF SLAVES TAKEN FROM AFRICA

- **Conclusion**
  - Date colony became a state
  - Effective ending summarizing paper. 1 Paragraph.

- **Photos and Other Graphics**
  - Insert at least 2 pictures or graphics that enhance or support one of the topics you are writing about. (Ex: Picture of famous person, battle scene, chart, picture of important building or document, etc.) Be creative!

- **Bibliography**
  - All sources must be documented in alphabetical order. See Template below.

- **Resources**
  - Any book, encyclopedia or website. Some websites to get you started are:
    - [https://www.landofthebrave.info/13-colonies-list.htm](https://www.landofthebrave.info/13-colonies-list.htm)
    - [http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/subjects/colonialtimes.htm](http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/subjects/colonialtimes.htm)
    - [https://www.flocabulary.com/unit/colonial-america/](https://www.flocabulary.com/unit/colonial-america/)

Students will be working together in pairs. All documents can be accessed via the internet anytime. Students will be able to edit the document simultaneously. I would suggest students divide the research work in half. I will provide comments and assistances to students as they assemble their research information. Students can then make adjustments to their research as they complete the revision process prior to final submission.
Rhode Island

Map of Colony

“Quote that speaks to your colony in a positive way goes here. It should be centered on the page as well.” - Name of Person who said quote

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# Bibliography Template

*(Complete for all resources used in your research paper)*

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