

**“The Power Shifts”**  
**Latin America**  
**1450-1750 CE**

Our Latin American unit will be another group research blast with an individual product! Each member of your group will be responsible for researching on the following topics. After group members have compiled and shared information, individuals will use a particular persuasive appeal to lobby the King and/or Queen (Graham and Sasser) of a major European country. You can use textbooks, websites, and encyclopedias. You will have one period in the Media Center if we can find some openings. Your research must prepare you to do the following.

1. Convince us why we should fund further exploration of Latin America
2. Explain the importance of your findings to **both the church and state**
3. Explain the significance to Europe and Latin America
4. Where applicable, you should mention specific products, ideas and other samples

TOPICS

Columbian Exchange

Role of the Catholic Church

Economic Discoveries and Roles

Social Roles

European Competitors

\*\*\*Be sure you know the impact of ALL the topics, as you will be writing an essay, with thesis and all, over the effect the continued exploration of the Americas had on both Europe and Latin America.

Product Goal and Components: Use sound and acute knowledge of the Americas as well as convincing persuasive appeals to write an essay, assessed with the AP skills rubric, which will persuade the King or Queen to fund further exploration of Latin America. Your essay **must be driven** by one of the following persuasive appeals: (include all, but focus on one)

1. Ethos
2. Pathos
3. Nomos
4. Logos