**AP Euro: Post-Exam Project Spring 2014**

**European Colonial Impact on International Human Rights**

Before you set off on your collegiate experience, I want to introduce you to the issue of human rights and the ways that European history has impacted native populations around the world. This project will require that you undertake research of the European colonial impact on one of the following countries: **Ireland, Cambodia, Sierra Leone**

**The issues that you must address are as follows:**

* background on the country prior to colonization (social, economic, political, cultural conditions)
* how the country came to be a colony of its European colonizer and what specific economic benefit did the colonizer gain from the country (specific natural resources gained)?
* the transition from colonial to independent nation (when was independence achieved?; what were the social and political changes that were made & how smooth or difficult was the transition?)
* impact of the colonial legacy on human rights in the country both in the short and long-term (were certain groups in the country set up in an inferior position to other groups in the country?)
  + **use the International Declaration of Human Rights to identify which human rights were violated**
  + describe the scope of the human rights violations (**provide statistical evidence for support**)
* in what ways were other countries complicit (i.e., to what extent did other countries support those responsible for the human rights violations?)
* what was done to stop the human rights violations either by citizens of the country or by others (e.g. the United Nations, non-governmental organizations, the international community)? who were the people that stepped up and tried to facilitate positive change to improve the situation? Was anything done to punish those most guilty of human rights abuses? What actions were taken to help those who suffered heal & be able to live among those responsible for the human rights abuses?
* the role, if any, that the United States played in preventing or furthering the human rights violations (if the U.S. did nothing, what was its rationalization for doing nothing?)
* suggestions on what could have been done differently to prevent human rights violations in the country you researched
* current condition in the country with regards to human rights (Does the current gov’t have a record of protecting or violating human rights? Provide evidence for support.)

**Project requirements:**

* create a GoogleDoc presentation addressing the issues listed above & including appropriate images
  + font size no smaller than 22 and **images on each slide**
  + at least **one short video clip** about the human rights situation in the country researched
* when you begin your presentation, use **Google Earth** to locate your country for the class
* Use [www.gapminder.org/data](http://www.gapminder.org/data) to demonstrate statistical change over time for your country using 3 **relevant indicators**; you can scroll through the site and choose indicators that you think are especially illustrative of human rights issues. You will choose your indicator by clicking the ‘visualize’ icon, then click in the checkbox by your country and the United States (so we can see how it compares). When you show this during your presentation you’ll need explain why you chose these indicators and explain their significance. I will walk you through this as you are preparing your assignment in class.
* class members should be presented with a **one-page fact sheet** explaining what you found in your research
* provide me with your fact sheet a day before your project is due (I’ll make the copies for you)
* a minimum of 5 sources, including books, NGO websites, scholarly articles, magazine articles, etc. You MUST use the sources provided in the Web Links for Human Rights Project document on my website. They should provide most of the information you need for the project.
* properly cite sources using **in-text citations** or end-notes (which can be typed up on the final slide)
* DO NOT PLAGIARIZE or copy and paste large amounts of text from sources; when in doubt, cite your sources

**\*\*\*\* You MUST share your GoogleDoc presentation with me BEFORE you come to class on the day your project is due.**