**European Exploration**

**Annotated Map Assignment**

Directions: Design an annotated map that shows your understanding of key political and economic developments in the Americas prior to 1750. To complete this assignment you will need the following resources:

* Georgia Studies Textbook Chapter 4
* Nystrom Atlas of United States History pages 19 - 26
* Smartphone (yes, you may use this in class)
* Computer (you may use one of mine in the back of the room – please take turns)
1. WRITE A TITLE AT THE TOP. You may use the title from the top of this page, or come up with your own (so long as it is relevant to the topic).
2. DRAW MAP. Draw a map of North America, South America, Central America, Europe (at least the western part of it), and Africa (again, at least the western part of it).
3. ADD GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES. Draw and label these places on your map. Create a key if necessary. The lines for these features do not have to be exact. Try your best to put them in the correct location.
* Atlantic Ocean
* All continents mentioned in Number 2
1. ADD HISTORICAL FEATURES. Draw and label these historical features on your map. Create a key if necessary.
* English land claims
* French land claims
* Spanish land claims
* Mercantilism (You may add this under your annotations for English land claims)
* Triangular Trade Routes
1. ANNOTATE EACH HISTORICAL FEATURE. In your annotation, DEFINE or EXPLAIN the above features (English, French, and Spanish land claims) by answering Who? What? When? Where? Why? *and* EXPLAIN ITS SIGNIFICANCE. Annotations should be 1-3 complete sentences. You can write the annotations on the sides of your map (and number them) OR use lines or arrows to point to the appropriate location on the map.
2. WRITE A THESIS. Write your thesis at the bottom of the page. Your thesis is a 1-2 sentence response to this question: *Why was the land in the New World (or the Americas) considered “debatable”?*