**Le Grand Salon**

Our class will reenact an intellectual salon as seen in 18th century France. You will select an individual from that time period and bring that person to life at the salon. Your character will answer the following questions: *What is the ideal form of government? Why? Can people be trusted to govern? Why or why not?*

**Everything you turn in (except the notes) must be typed and use MLA formatting.**

1. **Pick an individual:** You are:
   1. Hobbes, Locke, King Louis XIV, Queen Catherine the Great, Emperor Joseph II, Mary Wollstonecraft, Rousseau, Montesquieu, Beccaria
2. **Divide up your roles:**
   1. **Actor**: Play the part of the historical figure being questioned by the philosophes during the salon.
   2. **Public Relations Agent**: Introduce the historical figure at the Salon. Assist answering difficult questions during the salon.
   3. **Philosophe**: Research and expand your expertise on the historical figure and asks questions of the other historical figures. Find out which historical figures have ideas that support or oppose your own.

1. **Research this individual.** Notes due
   1. Background: Who is this person? What makes them famous?
   2. Answer the following based on your historical figure: **What is the ideal form of government? Why? Can people be trusted to govern? Why or why not?**
   3. Each person will take notes from a different source: handout, textbook, and an additional source.
2. Write an **Introduction** to your character. Intro due:
   1. This will provide a brief biography of your person. This should be a paragraph of 6-8 sentences that includes a hook or an attention grabber.
3. **Write up** your answers to questions in preparation for the salon. Write-ups due:
   1. **What is the ideal form of government? Why?**
   2. **Can people be trusted to govern? Why or why not?**
   3. One paragraph per question. Use very specific details. Include at least one direct quote.
4. Develop **questions** for the other participants. Questions due:
   1. Develop 2 questions for each of the other participants and give brief answers that you expect them to say.
   2. For those that agree with your character’s perspective, have questions that highlight why you are right. For those that disagree with your character, have questions that point out flaws in their beliefs.
5. **Predict** what questions will be asked of you. Potential Questions due:
   1. Write 3 questions that you expect to be asked and what your answer will be.
6. Create a **visual**. Visual due:
7. **Works Cited** page. Works cited due:
8. **Le Grand Salon. Salon will meet on** 
   1. You will be expected to respond to all of the questions given in our class discussion.
   2. Each group member will participate.