We are about to begin a very exciting project on South America that will consume a good amount of time over the coming weeks. The good part for you is how much choice you have in what you will be doing! Not only do you have a choice regarding the topic, you also get to choose how you want to present your findings.

**Step 1- Selecting a Topic**
I will be assigning you one South American country and you will be coming up with your own historical topic from your assigned country to investigate. You will be spending a good amount of time on this, so it should be something that you are interested in and feel you can evaluate. You will need to do a little basic research on your topic to be sure that it is one you want to investigate and one that will make a worthwhile project.

**Step 2- Develop a Driving Question**
Once you feel you have a good understanding of the basics of your topic, you will need to develop a Driving Question. This is going to be the main focus of your investigation. Your goal is to thoroughly understand all the sides of the question and create a real world investigation to answer. Your question must be open-minded with various possible responses and interpretations. It should also be "Non-Googleable", meaning no one can just Google to find this answer!

For example, instead of using "Causes of Salem Witch Trials" as your topic, a good Driving Question might be, "What aspects of Puritan society most led to the executions of 20 people for witchcraft?"

**Step 3- Research**
Note that you are researching before selecting a Real World Role. This is because you might find in your research that a certain project output might be better than another. As you research, however, be thinking about how to best present your project. You don't have to complete your research before moving to step 4, but you should have a good amount done.

In your research, you must have a variety of materials, both primary and secondary sources, as well as sources that support different opinions on your topic. When
conducting your research be sure to evaluate the accuracy of your sources (especially for internet sources!).

**Step 4- Selecting a Real World Role for Investigation**
Now that you have a topic of study, Driving Question that you are going to answer, and conducted some research, you need to select a **Real World Role for Investigation** as a means to present your findings and answer the question. Use the list of 25 real world careers to select one that you feel best matches your interests and abilities while also working well with your topic.

**Step 5- Work on Your Real World Role**
Don't rush into this part of your project simply because it is the most fun! You don't want to have to re-do significant portions of it if you don't have sufficient research done beforehand and have to change your findings. Be sure to select one that best matches your interests and abilities and the Driving Question you are looking to answer.

**Step 6- Present Your Findings**
This is it! You've completed your project and will present it to the class. As you can see, there are a wide variety of Real World projects so you have to determine the best way to present yours.