Absolute Monarch Paper Bag Puppet Shows

Absolute Monarchs reigned in Europe during most of the sixteenth century, claiming divine right to rule their nation with complete authority over all aspects of government, economy, and society. You and your group will be creating a puppet show to tell the story of one or more absolute monarch or an event in which they were involved. On the sheet below, you will plan your show, including answering the focus question and basic information about the reign of your monarch. This page must be turned in by **EACH MEMBER OF YOUR GROUP.**

**Your name**

**Group members**

**Assigned Monarch or Topic**

**Planning**

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| **Content** |
| Country or nation your monarch(s) represent: |
| Focus Question relating to your monarch (see your “Absolutism at a Glance” sheet): |
| Description of your monarch’s personality: |
| What were the faults/declines and/or good qualities of your monarch  |
| What were the goals/desires of your monarch? |
| What major events (name and describe them) took place under your monarch’s rule? |
| Do you think your monarch was a good or bad ruler? Why? (Give specific examples) |
| **Show** |
| What event(s) will you choose to focus on in order to answer your focus question? (You show can have more than one “act”) How do they do so?  |
| How many characters will you need? Who are they? (One puppet can represent a large group of people, *i.e.: army, mob, nation, etc*) |
| Who will participate in what capacity? |
| Will you need any additional props or items? (You bring them) |

**When you finish planning, write a rough draft of your script to be approved by the teacher (one per group), before you begin work on designing your puppets. Remember that you should answer the focus question in your skit.**

**Group Evaluation:** Part of your grade will be to evaluate yourself and your peers. I want to ensure that everyone in the group is pulling their weight. Remember, everyone’s grade in the group could potentially be different if not everyone participates. Also **BE HONEST**; I was watching. Rank each person in your group (including yourself) from **1-5**, one being least amount of work.

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| **Group members** | **Equal Amount of Work** | **Participated in Show** | **Worked on script** | **Worked on puppets** |
| **(Self)** |  |  |  |  |
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**Explanations, Concerns, Comments:**