**Nationalism in the 1800’s**

***Mini Project***

Pretend that you are living in the mid to late 1800’s/early 1900’s and that you have just become the leader of a country in Europe. Your nation has suffered through years of poor government, hard economic times, and disastrous wars. You have decided to use nationalism to rally your discouraged people and raise the country to a level of respect, power, and

leadership in world affairs.

This goal can only be reached by getting people to be proud of their country, and by convincing them that they should put their country ahead of their own self-interests.

You have a number of ideas in mind to achieve your objective. There are also many important decisions that you must make regarding your nations’ government, armed forces, foreign trade, system of taxation, etc.

1. To create the impression of a “new beginning” for your country, you have decided to change the country’s name. What will the new name be?

2. Design a flag for your new nation.

3. What would be a good national slogan that people could identify with and rally behind? (example: “My country right or wrong”!)

4. Do you believe warfare should be used to gain more territory and achieve your national interests? (explain your answer)

5. How important is it to have a powerful army and navy?

6. How will you raise money to equip an army and build a navy? (mention specific ideas)

7. Design two medals that will be awarded to national heroes—one for bravery on the battlefield and the other for important contributions by citizens.

8. Will there be freedom of the press, or will newspapers be controlled by the government? (Give a reason for your decision,)

9. Will military service be required, or will there be a volunteer army? (Explain your decision.) Will both men and women serve? What ages are eligible for military service?

10. How can you achieve a “favorable balance of trade” – that is export more than you import?

11. Your country’s people are of different races and religions. Some even speak different languages. How are you going to overcome these differences and create a strong, unified nation?

12. Will liberals be satisfied with the type of government you establish? Liberals want a constitution which protects freedom of speech, press, and religion. And they want a law-making parliament and the right to elect its members. (Briefly explain your answer.)

13. What will you do with “reactionaries” who demand that your country have a strong King and a privileged nobility and clergy – as it did before the period of the French Revolution?

Use a clean sheet of notebook paper to answer questions 1-13. For your presentation, please be prepared to share AT LEAST **six (6)** of your answers from questions 1-13. Your group MUST also include the following in your presentation:

-A flag for your country

-A pledge of allegiance

-A handshake

-A national anthem with words (5 lines)

-A speech declaring how proud you are of your country, why you love it so, why your country is so outstanding, etc.