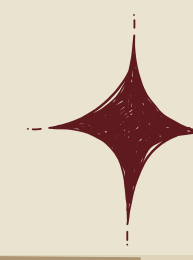




Wonder of the World



STUPOR MUNDI



CODEx: Medieval History Research Lab

OVERVIEW

1. Reacting to the Past

2. Stupor Mundi

3. Characters & Factions

4. Debate Topics

5. Present Research



REACTING TO THE PAST!



An FYS (First-Year Seminar) focused on **teaching history through roleplaying in significant historical eras**

- Advance an agenda and achieve victory objectives through formal speeches, informal debate, negotiations, vote taking, and conspiracy
- **Skills**
 - Reading/writing
 - Public speaking/debate
 - Strategizing

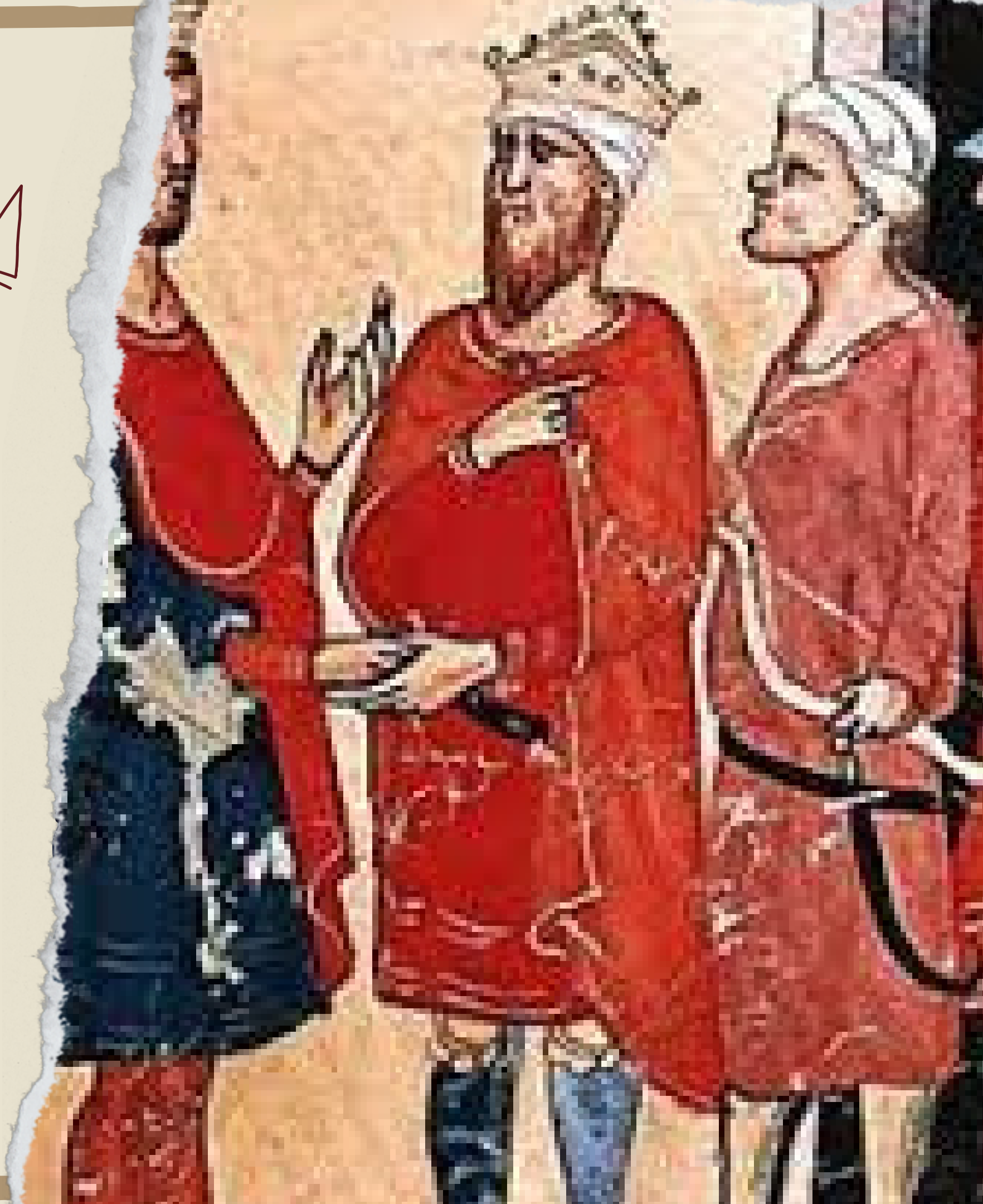


STUPOR MUNDI

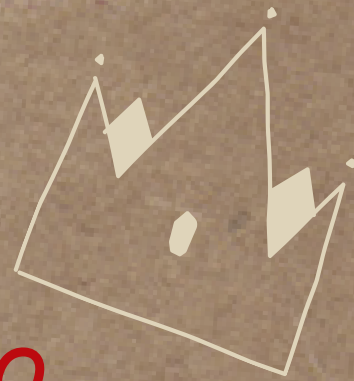
Frederick II and the Haute Cour of Jerusalem



- Play as an upper-class noble in of the Haute Cour (High Court), seeking to reclaim the Holy City of Jerusalem from the Muslim community in 1228 (Fifth Crusade)
- Debate a series of legal cases that illuminate the social world of the Crusader States in the 13th century
 - Six (6) game sessions



SEPTEMBER 1228...



FREDERICK II ✨

The powerful King of Sicily, King of Germany, and Holy Roman Emperor, who had recently become King of Jerusalem through marriage—arrives in his Kingdom and engages in legal battles with powerful nobles there, most notably John of Ibelin.

Explore contested notions of the purpose of law and the power of the monarch in the High Middle Ages!



LOMBARDS

Support Frederick's efforts to reclaim the city of Jerusalem, either through military or diplomatic means

FACTIONS!



IBELINS

Powerful, independent noble family who seek to advance their own interests at the expense of the kingdom

BISHOPS

Bishops of Jerusalem oversee the spiritual needs of their inhabitants



ANTI-IBELINS

Suffered abuse at the hands of the Ibelins and want to make sure they counter the influence of this family

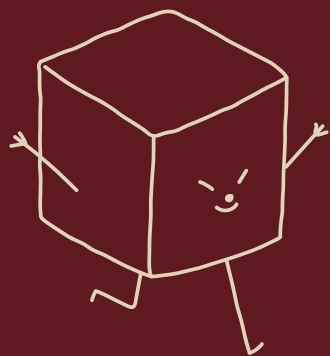


DEBATE TOPICS



- **EXCOMMUNICATION**
 - What constitutes the church's disapproval?
- **CONTROL OVER LAND**
 - What gives someone the right to be a lord?
- **BARONS vs. the CHURCH**
 - Who is the most powerful group in court?
- **DUELING vs. EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY**
 - God's strength or public perspective?
- **5th CRUSADE**
 - Who will reclaim the Holy City, and how?





RESEARCH 2022

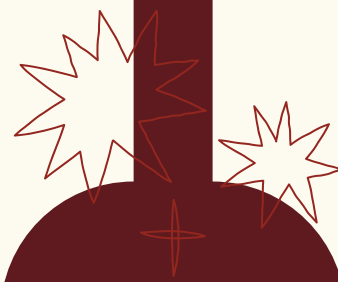


NEW CHARACTERS

- Genoese/Pisan merchants
- Knights Templar and Hospitaller
- Emperor Frederick himself!

CRUSADE PLANNING

- An informative guide to planning military strategy in the Middle Ages





THANK
YOU FOR
LISTENING!

