

Archivequest — Concept Poster

Print this and pin it up — an at-a-glance map of the Archivequest cast and the ideas each one carries. Come back to it whenever you want to remember who teaches what.

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Meet the cast — and what each one teaches

Character	What they carry
Bartholomew	Sourcing / HIPPP
Evadne	Contextualization
Cosimo	Corroboration (cross-document)
Percival	Causation & multicausality
Morwenna	Continuity & change
Torsten	Periodization
Isabeau	Point-of-view & bias
Alaric	Thesis & argument construction
Ferdinand	Evidence beyond the documents
Verena	(Mentor) — guides reflect-on-approach

Key ideas at a glance

The big concepts this cast helps you master:

- Reading a document as evidence, not just for content
 - Judging how much to trust a source and why
 - Placing events and sources in their broader setting
 - Cross-checking claims across multiple sources
 - Explaining why events happened — with more than one cause
 - Tracking what changed and what stayed the same
 - How historians divide the past into periods
 - Comparing cases and weighing different viewpoints
 - The building blocks of a historical argument
 - Writing a defensible, analytical thesis
 - Bringing in outside knowledge to strengthen arguments
 - Addressing opposing views and showing nuance
 - Sequencing events and reasoning about time
 - How historical interpretations are made and change
 - Connecting an argument to broader contexts and ideas
 - Integrating every historical-thinking skill into a document-based argument
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