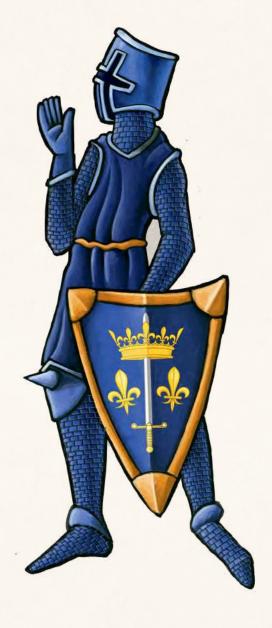


## **Game Components**

- 1 Large Game Board (Places and Terrain)
- 1 Small Game Board (Beneficial Deeds)
- 5 Player Boards
- 5 Cloth Bags (Followers Bags)
- 5 Merchant Tokens
- 50 Trading Stations
- 35 Wooden Cubes
- 125 Character Tiles
- 90 Goods Tiles
  - 24 x Grain
  - 21 x Cheese
  - 18 x Wine
  - 15 x Wool
  - 12 x Brocade
- 20 Technology Tiles
- 14 Citizen Tiles
- 86 Coins
- 20 Place Tiles
- 18 Hour Glass Tiles
- 2 Overview Tiles
- 1 Start Player Token
- 1 Manual





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Each player takes:

1 Followers Bag

5 coins



As well as in one player color:



7 markers (wooden cubes)



1 Player Board



1 Merchant Token



10 Trading Stations

2

Place the large game board (places and terrain) and the "Beneficial Deeds" board on the table.

3

Place the **Technology Tiles** in a stack on the appropriate space of the game board. If there are less than 5 players, remove 4 Technology Tiles from the game.

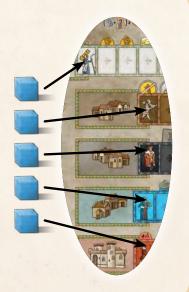
Supply Spaces for Goods Tiles

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Remove the "Pilgrimage"
Start Tile (lighter hue with the monks) from the 18 Hour
Glass Tiles for now. Separate the remaining 17 Hour Glass

5

Place 1 marker from each player on the first space of each of the Character Tracks as well as the Development Track.



Sort the **neutral Character Tiles** (*without the marking in player color*) by profession. **Using the table on the back of this rulebook** and based on the number of players, place the correct number of Character Tiles on their appropriate buildings on the game board. Remove any remaining neutral Character Tiles from the game.









8

Place 13 **Citizen Tiles** on the marked spaces on the game board and the **"Beneficial Deeds" board**. Put the remaining tile on the table.



7

Put the coins on the table close at hand.















1 set of Followers:

a Farmer, a Boatman, a Craftsman, and a Trader





Place your Trading Stations and coins in front of you. Place the 4 Followers of your color on the Market Spaces of your Player Board.

Tiles by their backs (A, B, and C) into three different stacks and shuffle them individually. First, put the stack with the "C" Tiles face down on the Hour Glass Space

on the Large Game Board, then the "B" Tiles, the "A" Tiles, and, on top, the lighter Start Tile.

Place your Merchant Token in Orléans.











Shuffle the Goods Tiles face down and place them face up on the Road and Waterway Spaces, one tile per space. In 4-player and 5-player games, every such space receives a tile (whereas in 2- and 3-player games some spaces remain empty, see right).

Sort the remaining Goods Tiles and place them face up on the appropriate spaces of the Goods Market (on the left side of the game board).



**Beneficial Deeds** 





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#### 3-player game:

Remove the Followers of the unused player colors from the game.

Remove 6 Goods Tiles from the game at random.

Do not place any Goods Tiles on spaces marked with "4". Those spaces remain empty.

#### 2-player game:

Remove the Followers of the unused player colors from the game.

Remove 12 Goods Tiles from the game at random.

Do not place any Goods Tiles on spaces marked with "3" or "4". Those spaces remain empty.

You are now ready to play!

## Goal of the Game

You are trying to achieve dominance in various areas in medieval France. You will get goods, coins, and victory points via production, trade, development, and by committing to the common good.

## Course of Play

The youngest player receives the Start Player Token.

The game is played over 18 rounds, with each round being comprised of 7 phases.



#### Phase 1

Hour Glass: The Start Player draws the topmost Hour Glass Tile from the stack and turns it face up. The Hour Glass Tiles determine the length of the game. The game ends at the end of the round in which the 18th and last tile is drawn. Each Hour Glass Tile also introduces an event that will affect the current round. There are 6 different types of events (see "The Events in Detail"). Except Pilgrimage, events are resolved in Phase 6: "Event".



#### Phase 2

Census: Determine who has the most and who has the least Farmers. The player whose marker is furthest ahead on the Farmers Track receives 1 coin from the supply. If there is a tie, no player receives the coin. The player whose marker is furthest behind on the track must pay 1 coin to the supply. If there is a tie, no player has to pay the coin.



**Example:** The blue player receives a coin and the red player must pay a coin.

## 2 PLAYERS

Please note: In the 2-player game, the player who is behind on the track does not have to pay a coin. The player who is ahead still receives a coin.

#### Phase 3

Followers: Draw Character Tiles from your Followers Bag and place them on the Market. You may draw a number of Character Tiles from your bag equal to or lower than the number indicated by your marker on the Knights Track. At the beginning of the game, this number is 4. Place the drawn tiles on the Market Spaces of your Player Board. You may not draw more tiles than you can fit in your Market. (Note: Character Tiles that you do not use remain on your Market, thus taking up space that you might need when drawing tiles.)



**Example:** The green player may draw 4 tiles from their bag. The yellow and blue player may each draw 6 tiles, and the red player may even draw 8 tiles from their bag.

#### Phase 4

**Planning:** Starting at the same time, all players plan their actions for the current round by placing Character Tiles from their Market to their Action Spaces. You may leave Character Tiles on your Market to use them in subsequent rounds.

Once done, you point out the end of your planning; from this point on, you are no longer allowed to change your mind. In the case of doubt, this happens clockwise in turn, starting with the start player.

Each Place provides a specific action and requires a certain set of Character Tiles to activate.

(The City Hall as well as some Place Tiles require only a single Character Tile for activation, others none at all.)







**Example:** You need a boatman and a craftsman to receive another farmer.

Place the required Character Tiles on the corresponding Action Spaces of the Place you want to activate. A Place is considered activated as soon as all of its Action Spaces have a tile. You can carry out the action during the following or during a future Action Phase.

You are not required to place all required tiles during the same Planning Phase. You may place some now and the rest in subsequent rounds. As long as you have not placed all of the required tiles, you have not activated the action and may not play it.

#### Phase 5

**Actions:** You may carry out the actions of the Places you activated, i.e. where you placed a Follower (or Technology Tile) on every required space.

Beginning with the Start Player and in clockwise order, each player may carry out 1 action or pass. If you pass, you cannot carry out any more actions during that round.

After you played an action, remove the Followers from that action (e.g. the Boatman and the Craftsman from the Farm House) and put them back into your bag.

Please note: Technology Tiles remain on the Action Spaces you placed them until the end of the game.

You may carry out your actions in any order. You are not required to carry out an activated action. You may pass even if you could carry out more actions. The Action Phase ends when all players have passed. If you pass, you cannot participate in the current Action Phase anymore. Activated actions that you did not use this round remain activated and can be used in a subsequent round. Do not remove Character Tiles from actions you have not used yet.

#### Phase 6

Event: Resolve the event shown on the Hour Glass Tile of this round.

(The event affects all players. See below for details on the events.)





#### Phase 7

**Start Player:** The current Start Player passes the Start Player Token to the player to their left.



## The Actions/Places

**Every Place represents a specific action.** Your Player Board features the most common Places. As the game progresses, you can acquire additional Places (see below, "Expanding the City").

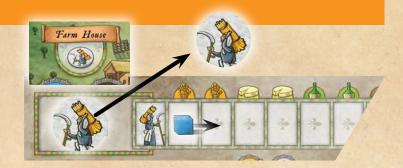
You can play an action if it is activated (all spaces occupied). After you played an action, you remove the Character Tiles (but not the Technology Tiles) used to activate it and return them to your Followers Bag.

The Places and their actions in detail:

#### Farm House

Take a **Farmer Tile** from the Farm House on the game board and put the Farmer into your bag.

Then advance your marker one space on the Farmers Track and receive the depicted **good**. The position of your marker on this track also plays a role during Phase 2: "Census".



#### **Village**

In the Village, you can receive another **Boatman**, **Craftsman**, or **Trader**. You can **choose** one of the following actions (*Boatman*, *Craftsman*, *Trader*):





#### Boatman

Take a **Boatman Tile** from the game board and put it into your Followers Bag. Then advance one space on the Boatmen Track and receive the depicted number of **coins**. On the last space of that track, the first player to get there receives a Citizen Tile instead of coins.





#### Craftsman

Take a Craftsman Tile from the game board and put it into your Followers Bag. Then advance one space on the Craftsmen Track and receive a **Technology Tile**. Put the Technology Tile next to your Player Board. You may only use it after you pass.





**Technology:** You can place the Technology Tile on an Action Space of your choice to replace the required Character Tile for the rest of the game. You do not remove the Technology Tile after you played the action. It remains on its space until the end of the game.

#### **Constraints:**

- The first Technology Tile you place in a game must replace a Farmer.
- Subsequent Technology Tiles may replace any Character Tile except Monks.
- Monks can never be replaced with Technology Tiles.
- You may not place more than 1 Technology Tile at one Place.
- You may not place a Technology Tile at a Place that only requires a single Character
- You may not move a Technology Tile after you placed it.



#### Trader

Take a **Trader Tile** from the game board and put it into your Followers Bag. Then advance one space on the Traders Track and expand your city with a **Place Tile**.

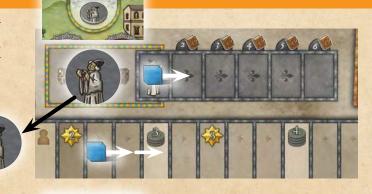
**Expanding the City:** You may choose a Place Tile. There are two types of Place Tiles, I and II. When you advance on the Traders Track for the first time, you may only choose a tile from stack I. Every other time you advance on the track, you may choose a tile from stack I or II. Place the chosen Place Tile next to your Player Board. You now have another Place you can activate or use its special ability.

**Note**: The players may look through the stacks of Place Tiles at any time. See the appendix for details on the different Place Tiles.



#### University

Take a **Scholar Tile** from the game board and put it into your Followers Bag. Then advance one space on the Scholars Track and receive the depicted number of **Development Points.** For each Development Point you receive during the game, advance your marker one space on the Development Track.



#### Castle

Take a **Knight Tile** from the game board and put it into your Followers Bag. Then advance one space on the Knights Track. The Knights Track indicates how many **Followers** you may draw from your bag and place on your Market in Phase 3. At the beginning of the game, you may draw 4 Followers each round. You can increase this number by recruiting Knights.

Note: When you get your fourth Knight, this number (7) does not increase, but you may receive a Citizen Tile if you are the first player to get there.



**Note:** Once your marker moves onto the last space of a track, you may no longer take the corresponding action.

#### Monastery

Take a **Monk Tile** from the game board and put it into your Followers Bag. There is no additional bonus like with the other actions. Monks can be used in place of **any of the other Character Tiles**. (However, the inverse is not true. You cannot use another Character Tile or a Technology Tile in place of a Monk.)





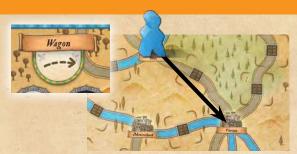
#### Ship

Move your Merchant Token from its current location along a **Waterway** (blue connection) to an adjacent town. If there is a Goods Tile on the way, you may take it. If there are multiple goods, you may take **one** of them. Place the Goods Tile next to your Player Board.



#### Wagon

This action is similar to the "**Ship**" action, but rather than moving along a Waterway, move your Merchant Token along a **Road** (brown connection).



#### Guildhall

Build a **Trading Station** in the town in which your Merchant Token is present if there is no Trading Station in that town already *(regardless of which player it belongs to)*. Each town can only have **one** Trading Station.

**Exception:** In Orléans, each player may build one Trading Station.



#### **Scriptorium**

You receive 1 Development Point. Advance your marker one space on the Development Track.





#### **Town Hall**

During the Planning Phase, you can place 1 or 2 Character Tiles in the Town Hall. (The Town Hall does not require both spaces be occupied in order to activate.) When using the "Town Hall" action, move one or both Character Tiles from the Town Hall to any free appropriate spaces on the "Beneficial Deeds" board. You receive the depicted reward (1, 2, or 3 coins, and in case of Canalization 1 coin or 1 Development Point) for each character.

When you complete a Beneficial Deed (i.e. you place a tile on the last remaining unoccupied space), you receive the Citizen Tile of that Beneficial Deed.

You cannot replace the Character Tiles required for Beneficial Deeds with other tiles (*like Monks*). You must always use the exact Character Tiles as shown on the spaces. Character Tiles used for Beneficial Deeds remain there for the rest of the game.

Please note: You may not place the Followers of your color (i.e. your initial Farmer, Boatman, Craftsman, and Trader) in the Town Hall.













## The Development Track

Some spaces of the Development Track show **coins** or contain a **Citizen Tile**. If you move your marker onto or past a space with coins, you receive the depicted amount of coins from the supply. If you are the first player to move onto or past a space with a Citizen Tile, you receive that tile.

**Development Status Spaces** indicate your state of development. If you move onto or past such a space, your Development Status immediately becomes the depicted value. At the beginning of the game, this value is 1.

Note: Your Development Status affects the "Income" event (you receive a number of coins equal to your Development Status), the Hospital, as well as the victory point value of your Citizen Tiles and Trading Stations at the end of the game.



## **End of the Game and Scoring**

The game ends after 18 rounds. Before you proceed with the scoring, the player who has built the **most Trading Stations** receives the remaining **Citizen Tile**. If there is a tie, no player receives the tile. Then determine your final scores. You score victory points (VP) for:

Coins: 1 VP per coin

Goods:

Brocade: 5 VP Wool: 4 VP Wine: 3 VP Cheese: 2 VP Grain: 1 VP

**Trading Stations and Citizen Tiles:** Each Trading Station you have built and every Citizen Tile you have collected is worth a number of VP equal to your Development Status.

(Example: Eric has built 5 Trading Stations and collected 2 Citizen Tiles. Their current Development Status is 4, as indicated by the Development Track. They receive  $(5+2) \times 4 = 28 \text{ VP.}$ )

The player with the most VP wins. In case of a tie, the player further ahead on the Development Track wins. If still tied, there are multiple winners.



## Torture (Bankruptcy)

Every time you must pay something (e.g. during Census or Taxes) and you cannot do so, you must undergo torture. You must replace every missing coin with something else from this list:

- a Trading Station (an already built one or one from your supply)
- a Follower (draw a random one from your bag; as long as you draw a Follower of your color, put the Follower back into the bag and draw again)
- a **Development Point** (move your marker on the Development Track one space to the left, but not onto or past a space with coins)
- a Goods Tile (1 Tile per coin)
- a Place Tile
- a Technology Tile

You may replace missing coins with any mix of items from this list (e.g. if you owe 5 coins, you may replace them with 1 Follower, 2 Trading Stations, and 2 Development Points).

All items lost in this process are removed from the game. Only Development Points can be re-gained.

## The Events in Detail



#### Pilgrimage:

When the Pilgrimage event is drawn, you may not recruit Monks this round. Pilgrimage always affects Phase 5: Actions. All the other events are triggered at the end of the round in Phase 6: Event.



#### Income:

You receive coins accordingly to your current Development Status.

A: 3 coins per Development Status

B: 2 coins per Development Status

C: 1 coin per Development Status



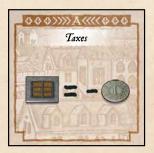
#### Harvest:

You may return food items (*grain, cheese or wine*) or pay penalty coins. If you can pay neither food items nor coins, you must undergo torture (*see above*). You return food items to the Goods Market.

A: 1 food item or 5 coins

B: 2 food items or 5 coins per missing food item

C: 3 food items or 5 coins per missing food item



#### Taxes:

You count the number of goods you have and pay taxes accordingly. If you cannot pay, you must undergo torture (see above).

A: 1 coin per 1 good

B: 1 coin per 2 goods

C: 1 coin per 3 goods



#### **Trading Day:**

On Trading Day, you receive coins per Trading Station you have built.

A: 3 coins per Trading Station

B: 2 coins per Trading Station

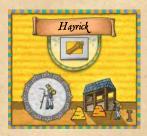
C: 1 coin per Trading Station



#### Plague:

You lose 1 Character Tile. Blindly draw a Character Tile from your Followers Bag and return it to the game board (*it becomes available again*). Do not move your marker back on the corresponding track. You cannot lose the Character Tiles of your color (*i.e.*, your initial Farmer, Boatman, Craftsman or Trader). If you draw one of them, lucky you! In this case, you do not lose a Character Tile this round.

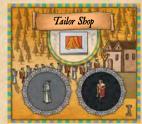
## The Place Tiles in Detail











Hayrick, Cheese Factory, Winery, Wool Manufacturer, and Tailor Shop

You receive the depicted good from the Goods Market. You cannot play this action if there is no Goods Tile of the depicted type left in the Goods Market.



**Shipping Line** You receive 1 development point.



**Brewery** You receive 2 coins from the supply.



Hospital You receive a number of coins from the supply equal to your current Development Status.



Cellar You receive 4 coins from the supply.



Library You receive 2 development points.



Windmill You receive 2 coins from the supply and 1 Development Point.



School As the owner of the School, you can use Scholars in place of other Character Tiles but Monks.



Horse Wagon Move your Merchant Token along a Road to an adjacent available.



Herb Garden As the owner of the Herb Garden, you can use Boatmen town and collect one good if in place of Craftsmen, Traders, and Farmers.



You receive 1 coin for each Trading Station you built.



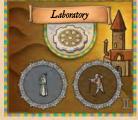
Bathhouse

Draw 2 Character Tiles from your bag and choose 1 of them. Immediately place the chosen tile on an appropriate Action Space. (You cannot place the tile on the Bathhouse.) Put the other tile you have drawn as well as the Follower from the Bathhouse back into your bag. If you cannot place 1 of the drawn tiles on Action Spaces, put them back into your bag.



**Gunpowder Tower** 

The Gunpowder Tower expands your Market by 2 spaces. During Phase 3: "Followers", you can place 1 or 2 Character Tiles on the Gunpowder Tower. During the Planning Phase, you can place one or both of these tiles on Action Spaces, or use them for Beneficial Deeds during the Action Phase. (You can use both of these tiles for Beneficial Deeds in one action.) You may not use the Followers of your color for Beneficial Deeds.



Laboratory

You receive a Technology Tile that you may place on an Action Space of your choice (except for Monk Spaces). The usual rules for Technology Tiles apply. You may place the Technology Tile on the Laboratory if you want.



Sacristy

The Sacristy can protect you from negative events (like Harvest, Taxes, or Plague) if it is activated. During the Event Phase, remove the Monk from the Sacristy and put the tile back into your bag instead of suffering the negative effects of the event in play.



Pharmacy

You can activate the Pharmacy with any Character Tile. As the action, you may spend up to 3 coins to advance on the Development Track. For each coin you spend (min. 1), you may move your marker one space to the right.

### General Rules of the Game

#### **Running Out of Tiles:**

Character Tiles, Technology Tiles, and Goods Tiles are limited in this game. You cannot gain a tile if it is not available anymore. When you run out of a particular kind of tile, you can no longer play an action that provides that tile. Events may result in certain tiles becoming available again (*Harvest, Plague*). When this happens, you can play the corresponding actions again. Coins, however, are not limited. If there are no further coins available, you may help yourself by using other materials.

#### **Checking on Your Followers**

At any time during the game, you may look into your bag to see how many and which Followers you have in there. (When you finish looking, shuffle the tiles in your bag so that you cannot draw particular tiles on purpose.)

#### **Empty Roads or Waterways**

You may use empty Roads and Waterways. You just do not receive a good.

#### Marked Followers

The marked Followers of your color *(which you received during setup)* always remain with you *(either in your bag or on your board).* You cannot use them for Beneficial Deeds nor lose them to the Plague nor pay with them during Torture.

#### **Placed Character Tiles**

You cannot move a Character Tile from one Action Space to another. However, when drawing Followers from your bag during Phase 3: "Followers", for each Follower that you decline to draw, you may move a Character Tile from an Action Space to your Market. (Example: Jill may draw 6 Followers. They only draw 4 Followers and move 2 Followers from Action Spaces to their Market.)

#### **Payments**

Pay coins into the general supply and take coins from there when you receive them.

#### **Additional Place Tiles**

It is possible to expand the game with **Orléans Invasion** and **Orléans Trade & Intrigue** or with **Place Tile sets**. You separate the Place Tiles (*including the newly added Tiles*) into two different stacks according to their backs (*I and II*). After that, you shuffle both stacks individually and choose 13 tiles randomly from each stack. If there are less than 13 Place Tiles of category II, you may play with what is available of category II.

# Overview of the Neutral Tiles for 2-5 Players

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	8	II	14	17
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