

Court Cards

look they way they do because they're supposedly based on historical figures...



King David who, as a young boy, killed the giant Goliath and later became king of Israel.



Pallas. Playmate of the goddess Athena - killed in an accident when the pair were sparring.



Hector. Trojan prince and brother of Paris, believed to be one of the greatest fighters in the Trojan wars.



Alexander The Great. King of Macedonia, who conquered most of the Ancient Greek and Persian empires.



Rachel. mother of Josephas, an Old Testament figure.



La Hire. A French commander during the Hundred Years' War comrade of Joan of Arc.



Julius Caesar. The only king pictured with an axe instead of a sword and known nowadays as "the man with the axe".



Argine. Believed to be an anagram of the Latin word "Regina", meaning queen.



Ogier the Dane. A character in French epic poems who was originally at odds with Charlemagne but later fought in his army.



Charlemagne. Also known as Charles the Great. King on the Franks and founder of the Holy Roman Empire.

Judith. A Jewish heroine who killed an enemy general by seducing him and cutting off his head.

Judas Maccabeus. A great military captain who led the Jewish rebellion against the Syrians.

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