

# Space, Place, and Story in the Siege of Antioch Project

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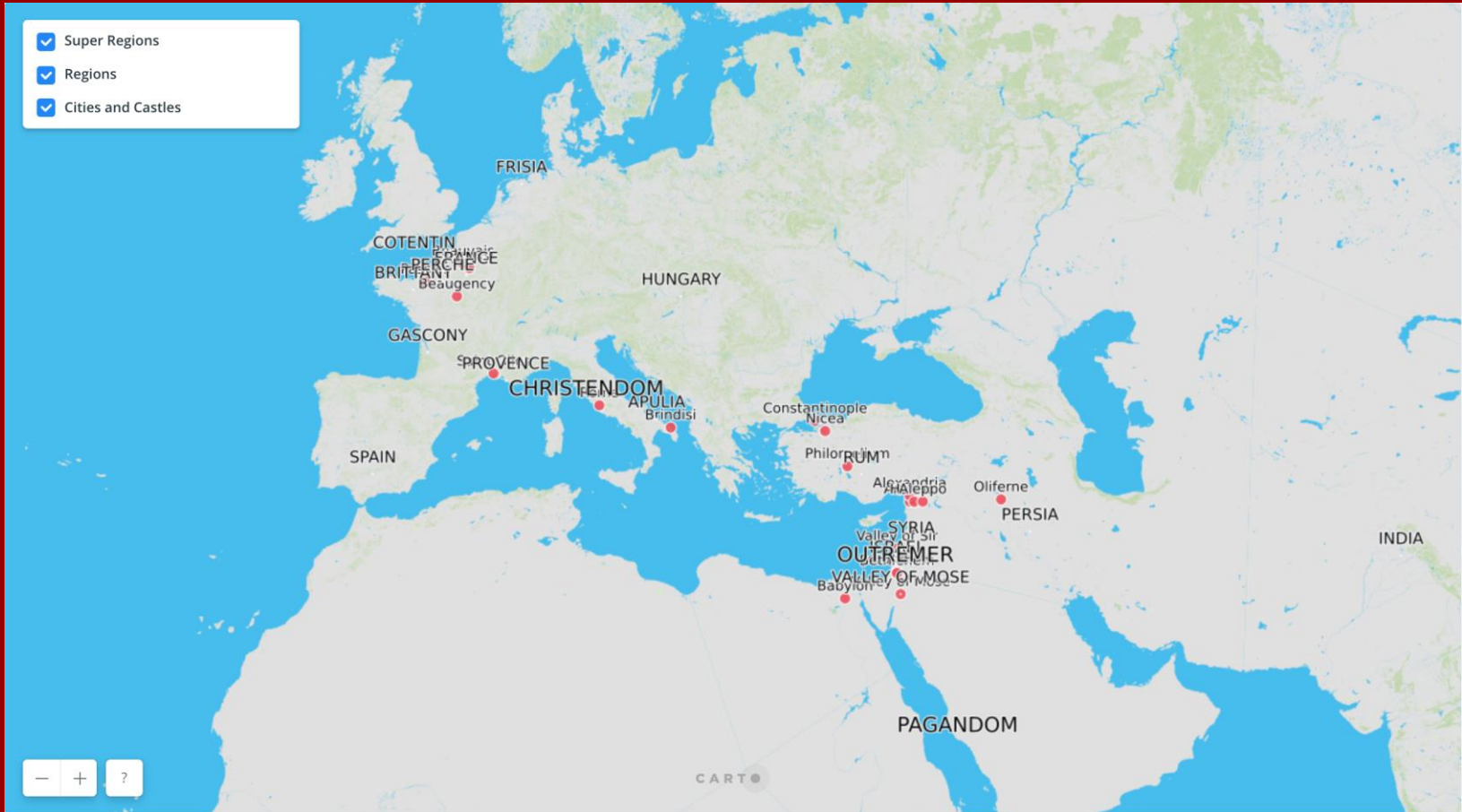
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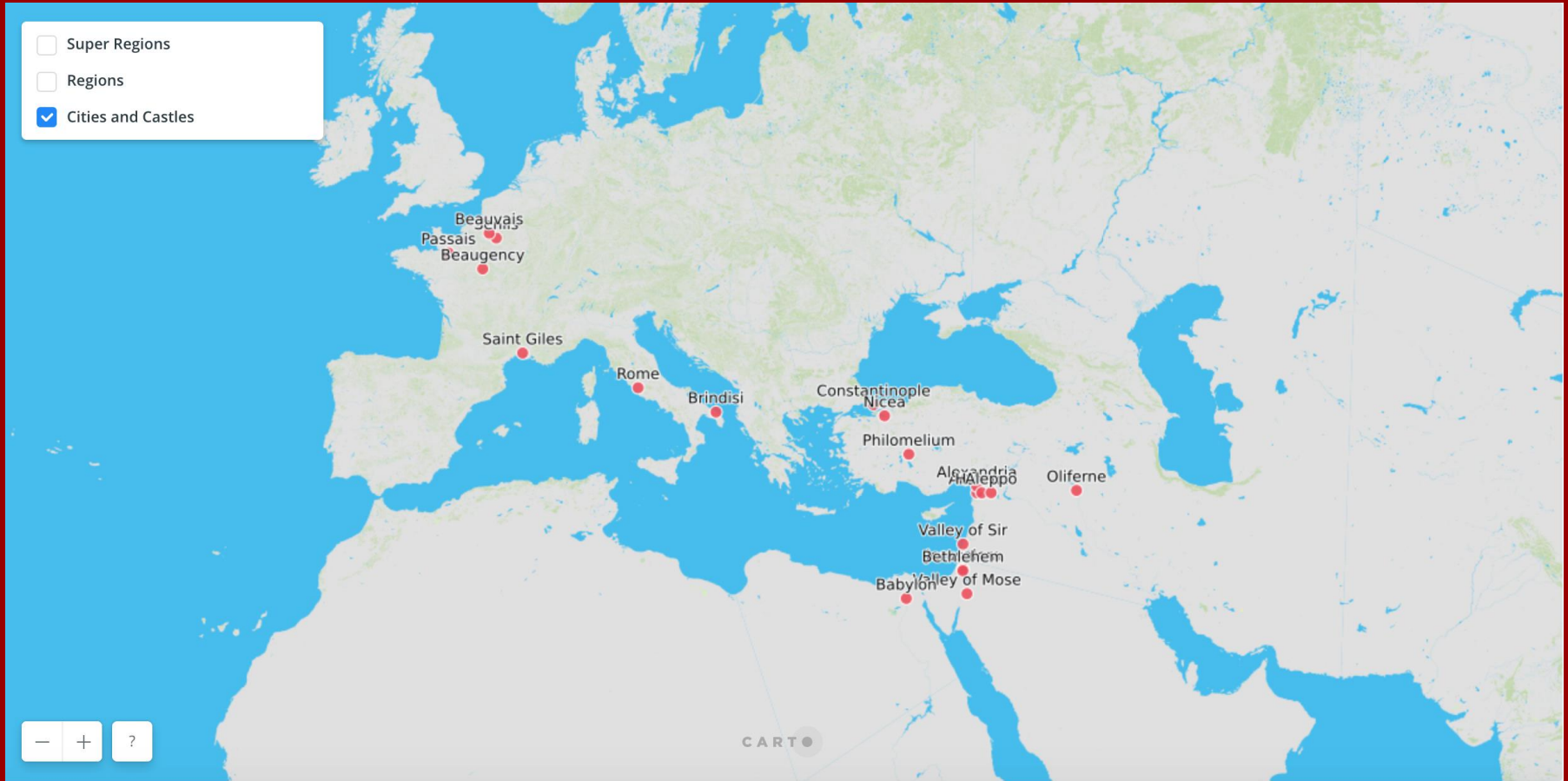
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4	Provence	PR702		43.2964	5.37		
5	Gascony	GA703		44.84	-0.58		
6	Saint Giles	SG704		43.6786	4.4317		
7	Antioch	AN705	Antioche	36.2055	36.171806		
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11	Constantinople	CO709	Costentinoble	41.013889	28.955556		
12	Philomelium	PH710	Filione	38.35	31.416667		
13	Rome	RO711	Rome	41.9	12.5		
14	Persia	PE712	Persi, Perse, Persie	34.3488	45.335286		
15	Durazzo	DU713				footnotes only?	
16	Jerusalem	JE714	Jherusalem, Jhersalem	31.783333	35.216667		
17	Nicea	NI715	Niques	40.429	29.7195		
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# Map 1: Regions and Cities



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# Place Profiles: Babylon

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## Babylon

In crusading texts, “**Babylon**” generally does not refer to the famous ancient city on the Euphrates. More often, the texts use Babylon as a synonym for Cairo, Egypt, or the Fatimid Empire. This practice began because of the similarity between the names Babylon and Bāb-al-yūn, an Egyptian town that Cairo eventually absorbed. By the eleventh century, classicizing Latin authors began to conceive of Babylon as a kingdom that corresponded to the Arab Fatimid Empire, and to identify the Turkic Seljuk Empire with “Persia.” There was frequently, however, symbolic conflation between the Egyptian Babylon and the Babylon of antiquity. In the Bible, Babylon oppresses the Israelites and appears in apocalyptic prophecies in association with the Antichrist. Latin Christian authors could, therefore, use the name Babylon to signal that their Muslim opponents in Outremer were aligned with Satan and that crusaders and Christian settlers in the East were instruments of God’s plan for mankind. In later medieval literature, Babylon appears virtually unmoored from any political or historical reality as the legendary homeland of all Saracens.

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# Map 2: Characters



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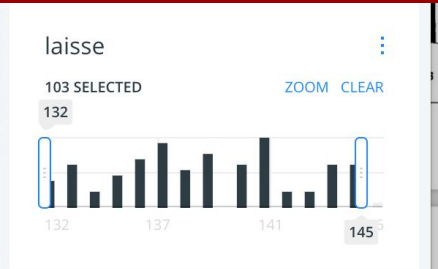
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# Map 2: Characters



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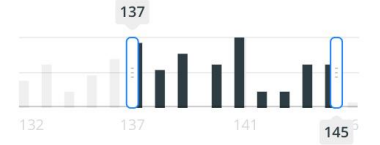
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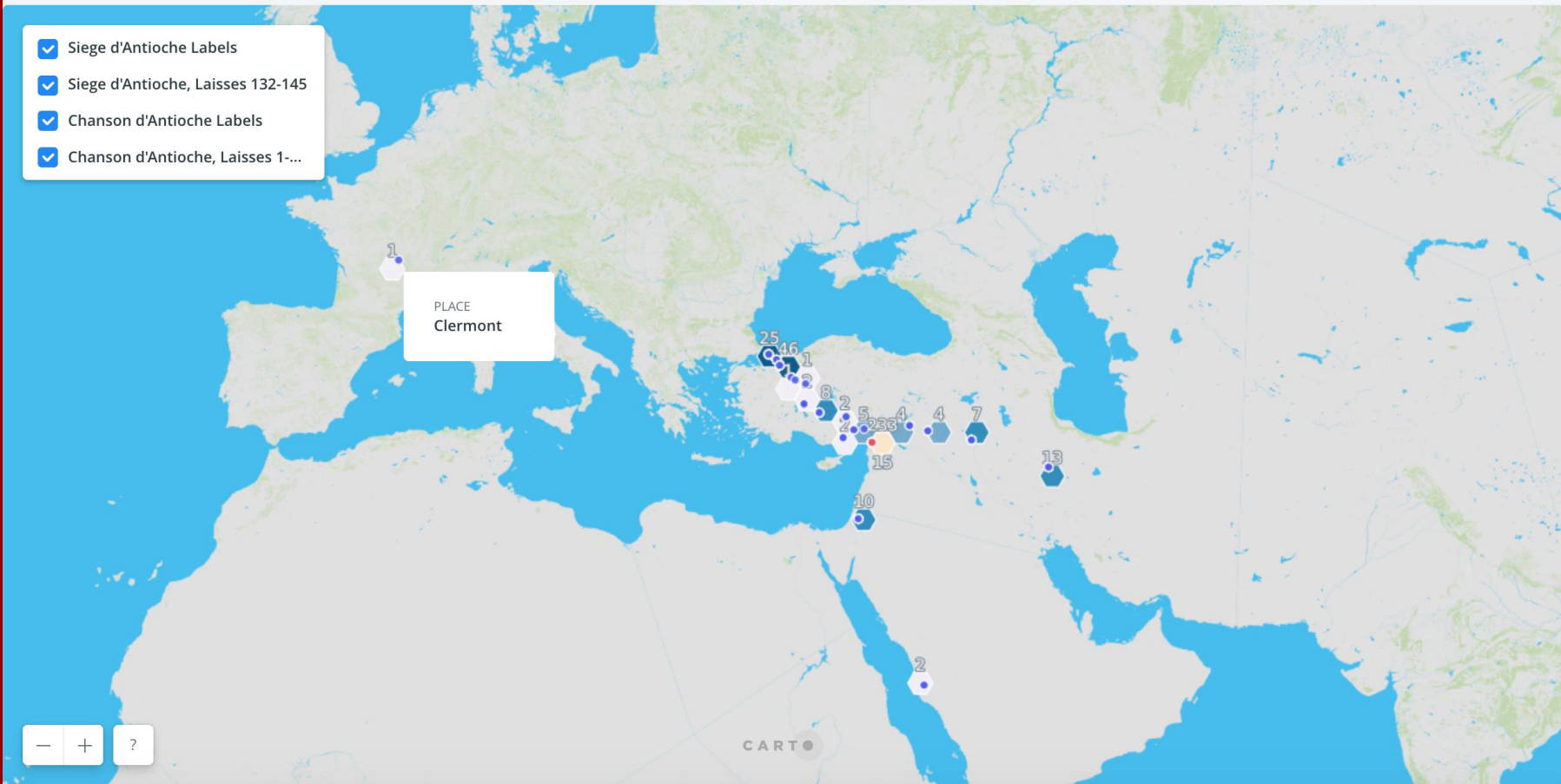
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# Map 3: Narrative Action





# Conclusions

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- **Structure to easily divide responsibilities**
- **Pair visuals and prose**
- **Suggest approaches to researchers that go beyond the scope of the project**
- **Use simple building blocks**
- **Plan for team transitions**

**Thank You**