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1060-1100

French nobleman and a leader of the First Crusade (1095-1099). In 1099, Godfrey gained the title "Protector of the Holy Sepulchre," and defended the crusaders' gains against an invading force from Egypt. Godfrey, who was handsome, dashing, and died young, later became the focus of legends that portrayed him as a perfect Christian knight.