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Connections: European History, medieval times, feudal economies, synonyms (for farts), weird jobs, centuries

Key vocab: flatulate, medieval, century, bruigedoire

Warning: Lots of talk about butts and farts.

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Roland The Flatulist (Text A)

King Henry II ruled England during the Middle Ages (1100-1135 to be exact). He was the Great-grandson of William the Conqueror, but overall wasn't that notable of a king himself. He changed up the legal system quite a bit, so some people say he was to thank for English Common Law. He also had beef with the church (which was a pretty big deal at the time), but that also kind of made for a more united Britain. But we're not here to talk about this mid king. We're here to talk about one of his favourite performers, Roland the Flatulist.



For anyone who doesn't know, **flatulate** is just a fancy word for fart. So this man was literally Roland the Farter. Now this was **medieval** times, so people didn't have Tiktoks or video games to entertain themselves. Kings had to have a whole gang of jesters to keep them from being bored. My guy Roland was apparently the funniest farter around. Kings (and other rich guys), would give people land to pay for their services. It isn't clear exactly how much land Roland got for his tooting, but it's probably more than you could get these days. Some people think he got as many as 100 acres (about 75 football fields) of land for his gas. A property that big, used to be called a "hide" and medieval knights with noble ranking would get around 5 "hides" for defending the king, so it's pretty impressive that Roland got one whole "hide" just for passing gas.



Well I guess not *just* passing gas. Apparently the act he was hired to perform every Christmas was, "saltum, siffletum, pettum" which means a jump, a whistle, and a fart done all at once. Kings had books where they kept track of different fees, and if you have a look in some 13th-century books, you'll see Roland listed right in there. Imagine trying to explain to your bank that you needed money to pay for someone to fart in your face. Wild!

Wilder still, that Roland was neither the first nor last professional flatulist! There are 8th **century** Irish records of farters known as "**bruigedoire**". In the 5th century St. Augustine of Hippo wrote about people that could, "produce at will such musical sounds from their behind". Then like 700 years after Roland's era, Joseph Pujol was a famous farter. He was studied by doctors who wrote a report on him called, "An Extraordinary Case of Rectal Breathing and of Musical Anus." In 2009 Britain's Got Talent got to see Mr. Methane keep England's history of performance poots alive. So while King Henry II's legacy is debatable, Roland's legacy lives on.

Roland The Flatulist (Text B)

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Even wilder is that there were professional flatulists before and after Roland! There are 8th century Irish records of farters (called "**bruigedoire**"). In the 5th century St. Augustine wrote about people that could, "produce at will such musical sounds from their behind". Then like 700 years after Roland's era, Joseph Pujol was a famous farter. He was studied by doctors who wrote a report on him called, "An Extraordinary Case of Rectal Breathing and of Musical Anus." In 2009 Britain's Got Talent saw Mr. Methane keep England's history of performance poots alive. So while King Henry II maybe wasn't that exciting, the story of his favourite farter lives on.