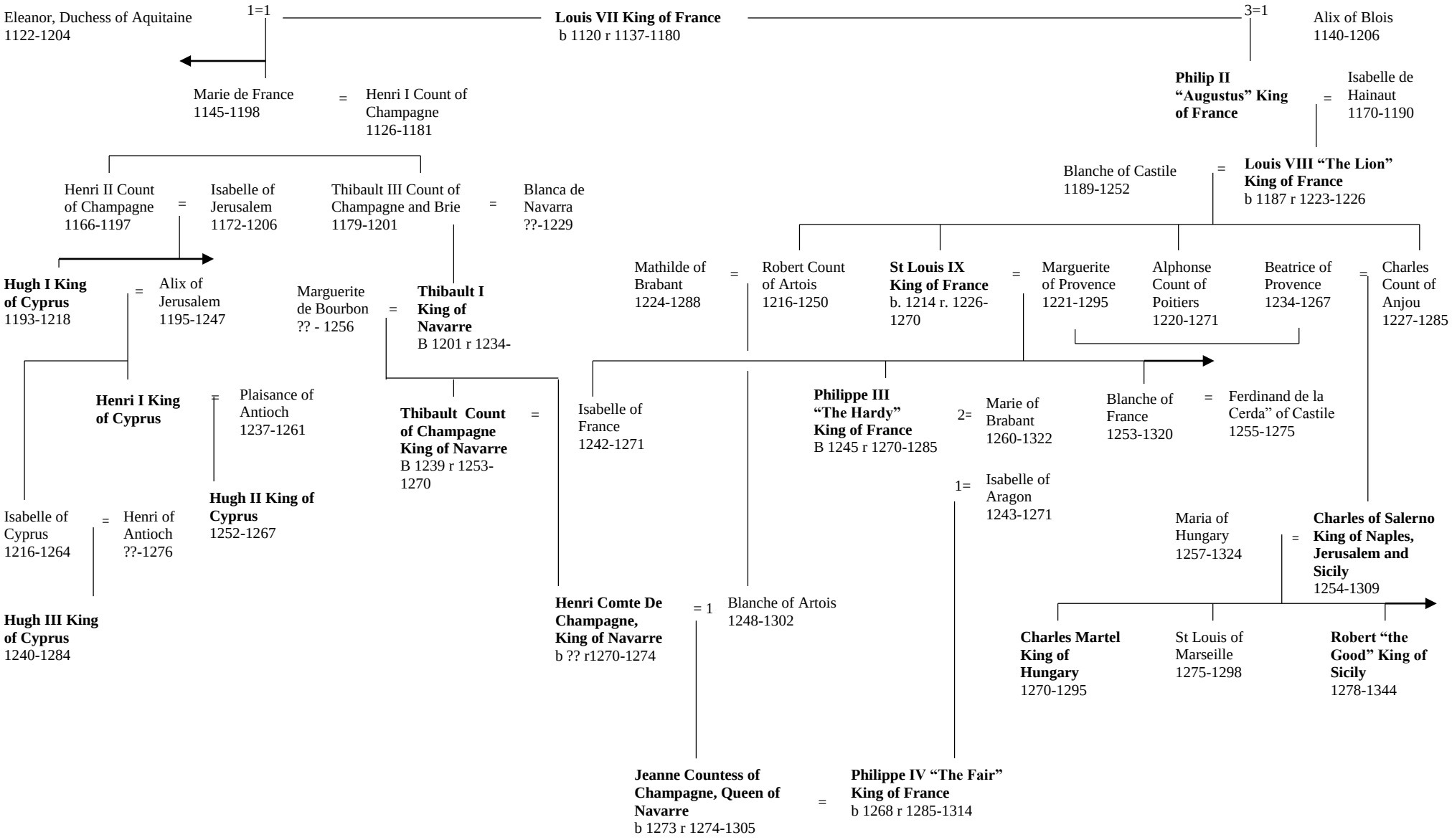The French Dimension