**Medieval Empires: The Holy Roman Empire**

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- *Austria est imperio optime unita*
  - Austria is the empire best united
- *Alles Erdreich ist Österreich untentar*
  - All the World is subject to Austria

**Formation of the Empire**

**Otto I**

- 951 – 973 C.E.
- 936 – Duke of Saxony Otto I claims title of King of Germany
  - Made sure top church officials were included in his government
- 962 – Pope John XII crowns Otto as emperor
  - In thanks for again helping pope against Italian nobles
  - Establishes the first “Reich” (Kingdom)
    - Holy Roman Empire
      - Empire of Three Lies
      - “Holy” – Emperors were crowned by the pope
        - The Emperors and Empire was anything but
      - “Roman” – Saw themselves as Heirs to Roman throne
        - They were Germans!
      - “Empire” – They saw themselves controlling all of central Europe
        - Emperor never had complete control of vassals

**Pope Gregory VII**

- 1073 – 1085 C.E.
- Reformed Catholic Church
  - Sought to strengthen power of pope
  - Praised by some people
    - Hated by others
- Lay Investiture
  - Previously lay people (not part of clergy) appointed bishops
  - Made it so only pope could appoint bishops

**Henry IV**

- 1054 – 1106 C.E.
  - King of Germany
  - Thought that since Kings technically owned fiefs that bishops were on, he should be allowed to appoint bishops
  - Gregory Disagreed
    - Pope and Henry exchange hateful letters
    - 1076 Pope excommunicates Henry
      - Briefly breaks empire’s allegiance to Henry
      - Henry repents and pope is forced to forgive
      - Gregory turns around and reunifies Germany then marches on Rome
Concordat of Worms
- 1122 C.E.
- Treaty between the Pope and Emperor
- Declared only pope could appoint bishops
  - Emperors could appoint fiefs

Frederick Barbarossa
- 1155-1190 C.E.
- Dreamed of extending Empire into Italy and all the way to Greece
  - Especially wanted to control the rich
- Italy unites under the “Lombard League”
  - The pope along with Italian nobles/cities
- Able to defeat Barbarossa
- Legacy
  - His son Frederick II
    - Took up father’s mission to control northern Italy
      - Also failed
  - Created further separation between pope and HRE
    - Lead pope to turn to France to overthrow HRE
  - HRE remained un-united
    - Prevented Germany from becoming a state for another 600 years