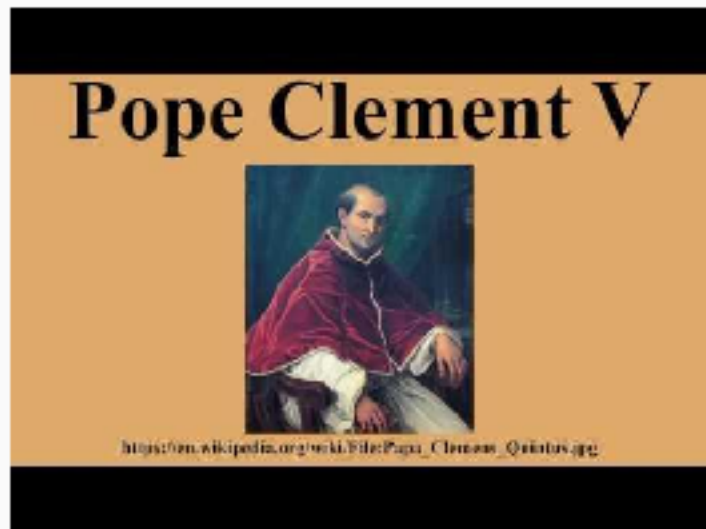


Decline of Church Power

Popes at Avignon



Pope Boniface VIII vs. King Philip IV of France



Seat of Papacy moved to Avignon in Southern France

Popes will resided in Avignon from 1305 - 1377

Many believed that the pope as bishop of Rome should reside in Rome, not in Avignon. The splendor in which the pope and cardinals were living in Avignon also led to strong criticism of the papacy, as expressed by Italian poet Petrarch



