

Final Practical Project – 20% of the overall grade

For the Final Practical Project, your collaborative group from the Midterm Project will transform into a “team.” In this iteration, your team will now compete against the other teams in the class. Your team will use the FabLab to build a working medieval “siege engine” or other “throwing” device — catapult, ballista, trebuchet, etc. You will base your project and design on medieval primary sources. In the last week of the semester, you will “present” your device in a competition. Prizes will be awarded in various categories: for example, which team’s “siege engine” is the most powerful, or most accurate, or most effective? (*Grades for this, however, depend on “good faith” attempts to carry out the assignment — NOT on if your device actually “works” or not!*)

The emphasis on the Final Practical Project will be fair, honest competition. In this project, sharing information beyond your individual team will be discouraged — but sabotage is also prohibited. You must concentrate only on your own project.