Characters in *The Song of Roland*

Aude: Roland’s fiancé and Oliver’s sister.

Baligant: The Emir of Babylon or Cairo.

Blancandrin: Advisor to Marsile.

Bramimonde: Queen and wife to Marsile. She is also referred to as Bramidone and Bramimunde.

Charlemagne: Leader of the Franks (French) and defender of the Christian Faith. He is also referred to as Carlemagne, Carlemagnes, Charles the Great, Charles I, and Karlemagne.

Durendal: The sword of Roland.

Gabriel: God’s emissary and leader of the Franks angelic allies.

Ganelon: Roland’s stepfather and advisor to Charlemagne. He is also referred to as Guenelon, Guenelun, and Guenes.

Marsile: Saracen ruler of Sargossa, the only Spanish city not conquered by Charlemagne. He is also referred to as Marsilie, and Marsilies.

Olivier: Roland’s best friend, comrade, and the brother of Aude. He is also referred to as Oliver.

Pinabel: Relative to Ganelon and formidable French warrior.

Roland: Charlemagne’s nephew and leader of the French army’s rear guard.

Thierry: The Duke of Argonne and follower of Charlemagne. He is also referred to as Thierris and Tierri.

Turpin: An Archbishop that fights with the French army.