Italy’s Political Decline 1494 - 1527

**Treaty of Lodi (1454-1455)**

United City States

- Milan*, Naples* & Florence
- Venice & the Papal States

Against a common enemy all Five would unite.

In 1490 the rise of Ludovico il Moro caused hostilities between Naples and Milan to begin again.

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Milan dictator Ludovico il Moro invited France to reclaim claim to Naples. French Kings once ruled Naples.

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French King Louis XI did not invade, yet his successor Charles VII had other ideas.
- He conquered Florence and the Papal States on his way to Naples

Spain (Ferdinand of Aragon) formed League of Venice
- Joined by Papal States and HRE (Maximilian I) against France

**Milan actually joined League (saw their error)**

The French are pushed Out -Charles Dies 1498

The French (Louis XII) return with the help of Pope (Alexander VI - Borgia Pope)

France took Milan
France & Spain divided Naples
Pope (Borgia family) took Romangna

Ludovico il Moro spent his life in a french prison

POPE JULIUS II – the warrior Pope – took Borgia Romagna for self
- Formed Holy League with Spain & Venice to defeat France
- Joined by HRE and Swiss

France driven from Italy

France reentered Italy and retook some land
Spain then attacked France and won every battle
France returned to Italy attacked and destroyed Papal States

Concordant of Bologna (Kept France Catholic)

The Wars helped Machiavelli determine the ends Justified the means favoring Italian Political Unity