

The Middle Ages: The Crusades



Constructive Response Question: What were The Crusades and what effect did they have on the people of Europe and the Holy Lands?

What is a crusade?

- A _____ involving the journey of thousands of _____ to reclaim the holy land of _____ in the name of Christianity
- In all, there were ____ or ____ Crusades (depending on your source)



When were the Crusades?

- Starts in _____ and lasts for nearly _____ years

Complete the Geography Skill builder on page 383 of your textbook

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Why crusade? Social, Economic, Spiritual, & Political reasons (Fill in the graphic organizer below)

Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Opportunity to get _____ to stop fighting each other and fight a new foe. These knights _____ in Europe.
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Holy Lands of Jerusalem were generally wealthier than Europe and many wanted to get their share of that _____ ■ Younger _____ who did not stand to inherit _____ were looking for _____ and adventure ■ Merchants supplied _____ to finance the journey
Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ A chance for the pope to _____ instead of Byzantine rival
Spiritual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fight/die on Crusade = _____ to _____

Read the primary source on page 382 (below) and answer the question in the space provided. Annotate as you read.

PRIMARY SOURCE

Come then, with all your people and give battle with all your strength, so that all this treasure shall not fall into the hands of the Turks. . . . Therefore act while there is still time lest the kingdom of the Christians shall vanish from your sight and, what is more important, the Holy Sepulchre [the tomb where Jesus was buried] shall vanish. And in your coming you will find your reward in heaven, and if you do not come, God will condemn you.

EMPEROR ALEXIUS COMNENUS, quoted in *The Dream and the Tomb* by Robert Payne

1. What is the author's purpose?

Effects of the Crusades

- Example of Church _____
- _____ between Europe and Southwest Asia
- Thousands of _____ and other participants

- Those who survived brought back _____ to Europe
- Persecution of _____; thousands were slaughtered because they were seen as _____
- Failure of later crusades _____
- The Crusades weakened the power of the _____
(Knights were dead)
- Began a legacy of _____ and _____ of
Christians for the Muslims and _____

Result: The crusades were an example of an abuse of church _____.
The effects of the Crusades are _____ through that region of
the world today.

Answer the constructive response question in your notes

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