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-THE CRUSADES-

The Crusades are an example of the power of the Catholic Church in medieval Europe. Through this web-quest you will learn about the important people, events, and effects of the Crusades. Go to our class website > Resources & Links > Crusades WebQuest – use the links on this page.

A. Introduction & Motivations of the Crusades (use info. & map on resource page)

1. What city served as the motivation for the Crusades?
2. Why was this city significant to Christians, Muslims and Jews? (Be specific)
3. Who took control of the “Holy Land” in the 1000s? What did they do that upset Christians?
4. **Look at the Crusades Map.** List what countries/regions or civilizations (**at least 5**) belonged to Christian lands in the Middle Ages. Also list what belonged to Muslim lands.
5. Locate the city of Jerusalem. What significant body of water is it next to?

B. Who were the Crusaders? (use all links)

1. What groups of people joined the Crusades? (**beliefs, social classes, etc.**)
2. What were some motivations for people to join the Crusades? (**list at least 4**)

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C. The First Crusade

Click on *first* link.

1. Why did the Byzantine Emperor call for help from Pope Urban II?
**Remember the Byzantine Empire is the Eastern half of the former Roman Empire (it did not fall).*
2. **Read Pope Urban II's speech.** ***Word to Know:** *Saracens = Turks*
 - A. What was Pope Urban II's main message in this speech?
 - B. Through this speech, in what ways/reasons did the pope use to motivate Christians to join the Crusade? (**at least 3**)
 - C. What **bias** do you see in Pope Urban II's speech? (Think about: *How* does the pope talk about the Muslims/Turks?) **bias – a perspective that favors one feeling/action/idea over others*

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3. What years did the First Crusade take place?

(look at the map)

4. **Describe** the challenges met by the Crusaders as they journeyed to the Middle East. Be specific.

5. When did the siege (attack) of Jerusalem begin? **Why** did the European Crusaders have difficulty attacking the city at first?

6. **Who** was the monk who wrote about the attack on Jerusalem? **What bias** might show in his account of the attack on Jerusalem?

7. What was the **result** of the First Crusade? **Be specific!** (Use the 3rd link too, to get the whole picture)

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D. The Second & Third Crusades (use all links)

1. Complete the chart.

	Who were the main leaders of each side?	Years (ex: 1073-1075)	Major Occurrences & Battles – Where? What happened?	Results – Who won? Importance for both sides? Gains? Losses?
Second Crusade				
Third Crusade				

2. Scroll to the bottom of the page on the 3rd website – look at the timeline. How many total Crusades took place during the Middle Ages? _____

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E. Effects of the Crusades (use all links)

1. The Crusades impacted many areas of life in Europe **and** the Middle East. Read and record the information about how the Crusades impacted each of the following areas...

**** BE SPECIFIC **** & list at least **3 examples** for each category

Impacts on Trade	Knowledge & Education Impacts	Political Effects
Social Effects	Impact on Christians	Impact on Muslims

2. **How** did the Crusades affect/impact the **Jewish populations** throughout Europe and the Middle East?

3. **EVALUATE.** Based on the evidence and information of the Crusades, explain how the Crusades are an example of power & influence of the medieval Church in the Middle Ages. **(4-5 sentences)**

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Crusades Recruitment Poster Activity

Based on the information you have learned about the Crusades, create a recruitment poster that persuades people in your medieval town to join the cause! You may either choose to create the poster from a Christian Crusader or Muslim Crusader viewpoint.

Your recruitment poster should include:

___ A **colored illustration** (by you) that represents *your* message/perspective about the Crusades

___ Use *persuasive language* to convince others to join the cause

___ Incorporate at least **5 facts** about different Crusades (First, Second, Third)

___ Incorporate at least **3 effects** of the Crusades – How could/did it change someone's life? Or Europe?

___ *Eye-catching* – **colorful**, informative, convincing

Create your poster below the dotted line.
