

What Are the Crusades?

[...] this land which you inhabit..., is too narrow for your large population; nor does it abound in wealth; and it furnishes scarcely food enough for its cultivators. Hence it is that you murder one another, that you wage war, and that frequently you perish by mutual wounds. Let therefore hatred depart from among you, let your quarrels end, let wars cease, and let all dissensions and controversies slumber. Enter upon the road to the Holy Sepulcher; wrest that land from the wicked race, and subject it to yourselves. [...] God has conferred upon you above all nations great glory in arms. Accordingly undertake this journey for the remission of your sins, with the assurance of the imperishable glory of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Pope Urban II 1095 C.E.

I. Lead up to the Crusades A. Growing Papal Power

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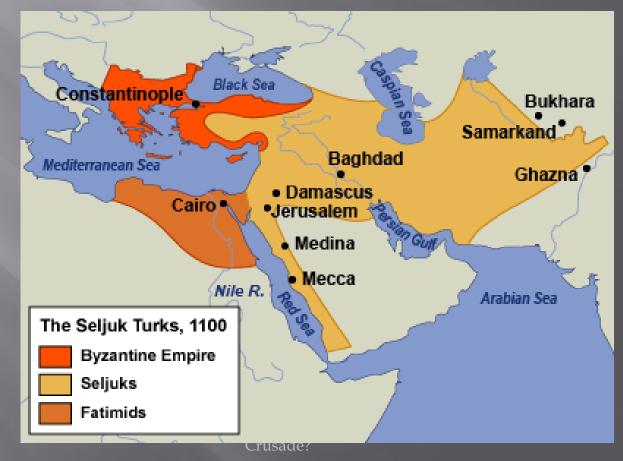
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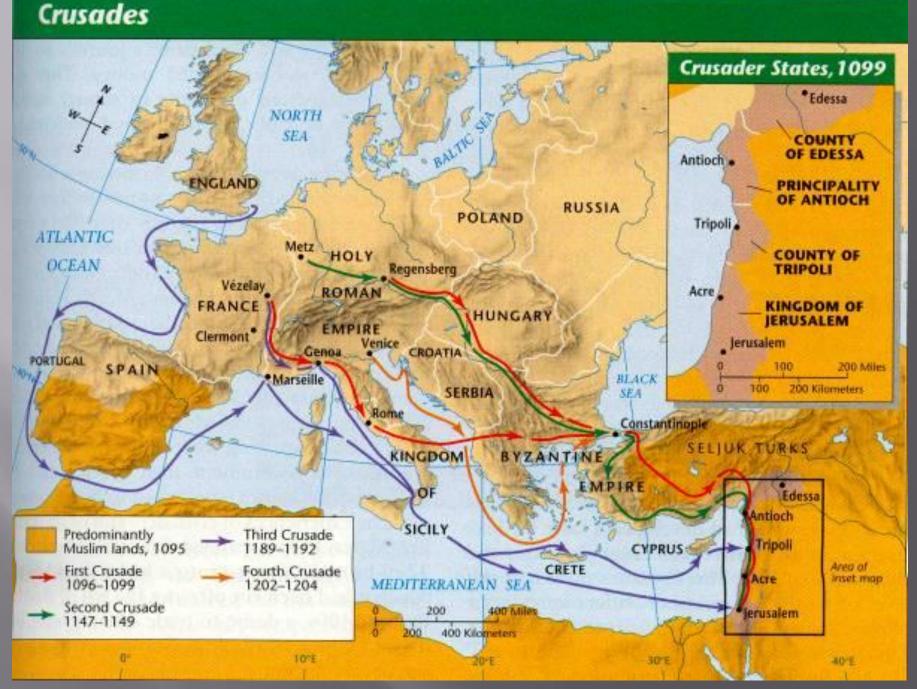
B. The Crusades are Launched

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AIM: Why did Europe Embark on a Crusade?

Why Did Pope Urban II call a Crusade?

All who die by the way, whether by land or by sea, or in battle against the pagans, shall have immediate remission of sins...O what a disgrace if such a despised and base race, which worships demons, should conquer a people which has the faith of omnipotent God and is made glorious with the name of Christ!... Let those who for a long time, have been robbers, now become knights. Let those who have been fighting against their brothers and relatives now fight in a proper way against the barbarians... Pope Urban II

C. Motivations

POPE URBAN II	KINGS AND KNIGHTS

D. Crusade Events

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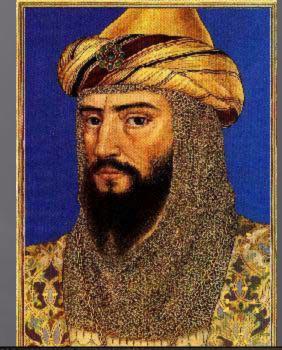
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D. Crusade Events

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E. The Reconquista

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