

**STUDY
GUIDE**

The Crusades

Section 1 discusses the significance of the crusades and their effects on western European society during the Middle Ages.

CHAPTER 12, SECTION 1

As you read Section 1, answer the following questions

1. Describe what Jerusalem meant to the Christians, Jews, and Muslims.

Jerusalem was a holy city and seen as holy land by the three religions. The Christians fought the Muslims for the city.

2. Explain why the Byzantine Emperor requested military assistance and support from the pope.

The Seljuk Turks threatened the empire, especially Constantinople. Christians were also persecuted against.

3. The two opposing forces in the crusades were the Christians and the Seljuks (Muslims).

4. What motivated the first crusaders? The Christians wanted the Holy Land back because "Christ commanded it."

5. What event launched the Third Crusade? Saladin united the Muslim forces and captured Jerusalem.

6. Describe the leaders, the important events, and the outcome of each of the following crusades.

First Crusade Pope Urban II and French nobles; defeated Muslims in Antioch and attacked Jerusalem; Christians won, Muslims slaughtered, reinforced Church authority.

Second Crusade Bernard of Clairvaux, King Louis VII, HRE Conrad III; leaders bickered; Seljuks won.

Third Crusade HRE Frederick Barbarossa, King Phillip Augustus, King Richard; HRE died on journey, Phillip retreated, Richard alone; Seljuks won.

Fourth Crusade Pope Innocent III; Constantinople was sacked; Embittered Byzantines towards the West.

Children's Crusade Children; Children froze to death or starved; Children returned home in shame.

7. During the Fourth Crusade the crusaders were motivated by a hatred for the Orthodox Church.

8. What was the final outcome of the crusades in the Holy Land?

They helped break down Feudalism, and some cities in Europe prospered.

9. Describe four effects the crusades had on European society.

Classical texts came to Europe, Feudalism broke down, cities prospered, technology improved.