

# The Crusades

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## Summary

This book is about the battles for Jerusalem and control of the Holy Land.

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# Before Reading

## Think Ahead

Look at the pictures and answer the questions.

Islam



jewel



Muslim

Jew

Christian

1. What people follow Islam?
2. What people follow Christianity?
3. What people follow Judaism?
4. What is on the Muslim woman's forehead?

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# Vocabulary

## A Read and match.

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• a. ally

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• b. march

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• c. treaty

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• d. expand

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• e. failure

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• f. pope

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• g. tension

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• h. enthusiasm

**B Write the word for each definition.**

repeatedly

imminent

regain

capture

successor

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to take into one's possession or control by force
2. \_\_\_\_\_ a person who follows and takes the place of another
3. \_\_\_\_\_ coming or likely to happen soon
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to get something back again
5. \_\_\_\_\_ over and over again; constantly

**C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.**

1. The Second Crusade was not successful because of bad communication.
  - a. a treaty
  - b. a failure
  - c. a tension
  - d. a win
2. The Holy Land is very frequently being fought over.
  - a. never
  - b. rarely
  - c. imminent
  - d. constantly
3. Pope Urban II got a positive response from his followers when he asked for help for the First Crusade.
  - a. imminent
  - b. angry
  - c. favorable
  - d. jewel
4. In the beginning, the Crusaders fought with passion, but after a while they lost their interest and excitement.
  - a. enthusiasm
  - b. unity
  - c. successor
  - d. ally

## Comprehension

**A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.**

- a. The famous Muslim leader, Saladin, united the Muslims to fight against the Crusaders.
- b. King Philip II and King Richard I went to the Holy Land to fight during the Crusades.
- c. Pope Innocent III was powerful and called for a new crusade in 1198.



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_

**B Choose the best answer.**

1. What was the other name given to the Eastern Roman Empire 1000 years ago?
  - a. The Catholic Church
  - b. The Byzantine Empire
  - c. The Roman Empire
  - d. Edessa
2. Who did the Byzantine Emperor ask for help against the Turks?
  - a. King Philip II
  - b. Louis VII
  - c. King Conrad III
  - d. Pope Urban II
3. Which of the following is NOT true of the Third Crusade?
  - a. The Muslims were led by Saladin.
  - b. The Muslim groups worked well together.
  - c. All three European kings left the first battle safely.
  - d. The Third Crusade lasted less than 5 years.

**C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.**

- a. Pope Francis meeting people of other religions
- b. A pope from hundreds of years ago
- c. A picture of the Holy City
- d. A painting of a crusader coming home
- e. A special place for Jewish people



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_

**D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Throughout the Crusades, the Christians became more strongly united.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Saladin’s successor was Pope Innocent III.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Many Crusaders did not fight for money.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ In the 13<sup>th</sup> century, there were many Crusades to take back the Holy Land.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Jews, Muslims, and Christians can all pray in Jerusalem today.

**E Complete the sentences with the correct words.**

1. Christians had a \_\_\_\_\_ response to the Crusades when they began.  
favorable    imminent
2. One of the reasons for the Crusaders failure was a problem with \_\_\_\_\_.  
unity    tension
3. After the Sixth Crusade, Christians regained control of Jerusalem with a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.  
ally    treaty
4. Failure in the Second Crusade meant another crusade was \_\_\_\_\_.  
imminent    enthusiasm
5. The Crusaders were \_\_\_\_\_ from across Europe.  
Jews    Christians

**F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ The first Crusaders and Byzantines took control of Jerusalem.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Led by Saladin, the Muslims took control of Jerusalem in 1187.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ The Kings of Germany and France were defeated by the Muslims at Damascus.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Philip II and Richard I had a successful siege at Acre, but did not capture Jerusalem.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ Pope Urban II became head of the Catholic Church.

## Think About It

**A** Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

| Who?  | What?  | When?  | Where?  | Why?   |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| _____ was able to unite the Muslims to fight against the Crusaders by 1185. | The area of the Middle East from the River Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea is often known as the Holy Land. Today, _____ and _____ occupy most of this area. | In the _____, there were more crusades to fight people who were not Christian such as the crusades to remove the Muslims from Spain. | During the Fifth Crusade, the Crusaders fought in _____ and lost. | The Holy Land is important to Jews, _____, and _____ because this is where many important events for these religions happened. |

**B** Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_.

Before I read this book, I knew \_\_\_\_\_

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Now I also know \_\_\_\_\_

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