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World History



The Crusades

Introduction:

1. Approximately **how many years** did the Crusades last? _____
2. What **city** was considered the "**greatest prize**" among the Crusaders?



The First Crusade:

3. Which **three** of the world's major religions consider Jerusalem one of the holiest of cities?

4. **Why** did many Crusaders undertake the dangerous journey to reconquer the Holy Land? _____

5. What **institution** dominated people's lives in medieval Europe? _____

A Desperate Call from Constantinople:

6. Identify the **Byzantine emperor** who, in 1095, requested aid from the Catholic Church in driving the Muslims from Asia Minor, and the **pope** who answered this request: _____
7. Aside from aiding a fellow Christian, why else might Pope Urban II have **agreed to send an army** to reconquer Constantinople? _____

8. Beyond the promise of wealth, **why** else did many **Europeans join** the First Crusade?

9. What was one **consequence** of Pope Urban II's promise of eternal salvation in exchange for joining the First Crusade?



Godfrey Leads the Crusade:

10. Who led one of the **largest armies** towards the Holy Land during the First Crusade? _____

11. How many **years' worth of income** would generally be required to support oneself during a crusade? _____

12. Why did **Emperor Alexius I close the gates of Constantinople** to the vast majority of European Crusaders? _____

13. How did Alexius I ensure that the Crusaders remained on their **best behavior** while camped near Constantinople?

Into Antioch:

14. Why did the First Crusaders feel compelled to capture the city of **Antioch**?

15. What **defensive advantage** did Antioch have against the First Crusaders?

16. What **issues** plagued the First Crusaders as they laid siege to Antioch?



17. After eight months of siege, **why** did the First Crusaders finally **decide the storm the walls of Antioch**? _____

18. **How** were the First Crusaders finally able to make their way into Antioch? _____

Bartholomew's Vision:

19. According to **Bartholomew's vision**, what could be found within Antioch's **Church of St. Peter**?

20. **How** did the **discovery** of the **"Holy Lance"** affect the First Crusaders? _____



Shocking Atrocity:

21. After breaking the siege to the city of **Ma'arrat al-Numan** in November 1098, what did the First Crusaders do to the city's inhabitants (both Muslim and Christian)? _____

22. What **"shocking atrocity"** was committed by the First Crusaders against the people of Ma'arrat al-Numan? _____

Jerusalem:

23. How **tall** and how **thick** were the walls of Jerusalem that faced the First Crusaders in July 1099? _____

24. On what **date** did the First Crusaders attack and enter the city of Jerusalem? _____

Epilogue of the First Crusade:

25. With the fall of Jerusalem in July 1099, who became the city's *new Christian ruler*? _____

26. **How many** Muslims and Jews were massacred within the city of Jerusalem by the First Crusaders? _____

27. **DRAWING CONCLUSIONS:** In what ways do the Crusades lend themselves to the current mistrust between Christians and Muslims? *Explain your answer using complete sentences.*

