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 > Our Class Resources > 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.

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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

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

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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.

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