The Crusades
Essential Question:
What were the Crusades and why did they take place?
The Crusades
Jerusalem (Holy Land)

• Jerusalem was under the control of Christians while the Roman Empire existed

• After the Roman Empire collapsed, the Islamic Empire took control of Jerusalem

• Christians in Europe wanted to control the Holy Land again
Why is Jerusalem so important?

Jewish – Remains of the main Jewish temple known as the Wailing Wall
Christians – The Church of Holy Sepulcher is built over the spot where Jesus was buried and resurrected
Muslims – Place where Muhammad is believed to have fallen off his horse and ascended into heaven known as Dome of the Rock
All three groups believe Jerusalem to be holy to their religion and each stakes a claim on it.
What three religions consider Jerusalem to be their Holy Land?
Causes of the Crusades

• Even though Jerusalem was under the control of the Islamic Empire, Christians were allowed to worship there.

• This began to change, however, when Turkish Muslims captured the city of Jerusalem and threatened to attack Constantinople.

• Suddenly, Christians felt like it wasn’t safe to travel to Jerusalem.
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• Constantinople was under attack from the Muslim Turks
• The Byzantine Emperor called Pope Urban II for help
• Pope Urban II got an idea…
Time Out!
Which image do you think is more representative of the Popes? Why?
Q: What are some possible positive effects of war? How might a leader or a ruler benefit from a war?
A: War can be a unifying force for a country or empire. Political leaders often receive increased support during times of war.
The Call to Arms

• Pope Urban II decided to call for an **attack** on Jerusalem

• He was asking his Christian followers (knights *and* peasants) to wage **war** on Muslim Turks in Jerusalem
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• Pope Urban II made a motivational speech to his followers to convince them to go to war...
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• Pope Urban II used three methods to gain support for his Crusades:
  
  1. He declared that it was God’s will to take back the Holy Land!
  
  2. Crusaders would gain riches!
  
  3. Crusaders would earn free forgiveness – and a ticket to heaven!
The Call to Arms
Why would Pope Urban II want to start a war?

How did Pope Urban II convince Christians to go on the Crusades?

Why would Pope Urban II exaggerate, or even fabricate, Muslim atrocities?

Review the three methods that Pope Urban II used to gain support for the Crusades. Which of these three do you think was most effective? Why?
Crusade Objectives

The Crusades – a series of wars fought between Christians and Muslims over control of the Holy Land

There were two primary objectives of the Crusades:

1. Reclaim the Holy Land (Jerusalem)

2. Protect Constantinople
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Brain Break!

Make a prediction... Who will ultimately have control of the Holy Land by the end of the Crusades?
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Crusade Atrocities

- Atrocity – an extremely wicked or cruel act, typically one involving physical violence or injury
- The Crusades were horrific, bloody wars that led to the deaths of millions of people, many of them innocent women and children
The Final Outcome

- The Holy Land remained under the control of Muslims.
- Jews and Muslims distrusted Christians.
- Relationships between the religions remained strained for hundreds of years.
Which of the Crusades was a success? How long did that success last?

Who controlled the Holy Land after the Crusades?

What advantages did the Muslims have over the Crusaders?
10.2 Summary

What were the primary causes of the crusades?

What was the final result?