



**The History Channel Presents *the Crusades - Crescent & the Cross*
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The Crusades: Crescent & the Cross details the history of Jerusalem from the Roman leadership in the time of Christ through the Islamic- lead years to the heroic warriors and tragic stories of three chaotic and devastating Crusades.

Through viewing the *Crescent and the Cross*, students will be able to build their knowledge of this vital era in world history and will discover the complex reasons why so many millions of people were willing to give their lives in the service of these wars.

Comprehension Questions (WRITE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES):

1. Why did the Crusades begin and what was so important about Jerusalem?
2. What did Pope Urban II have to do with the First Crusade and how did he sell his idea to the people of Western Europe?
3. Who was targeted by the Crusaders while heading to Constantinople and what was their justification?
4. Briefly explain the relationship between Urban II and Emperor Alexis I.
5. Why would Urban II agree to help Alexius?
6. When the Crusades arrived outside Constantinople, why was Emperor Alexius I furious?

7. What was Alexius expecting to receive when he called for aid from Urban II?

8. What did Alexius finally do with the Crusaders and how did he eventually “manipulate” Duke Godfrey of Guillon and his brother Baldwin?

9. Why did the Crusaders want to seize Antioch prior to moving on toward Jerusalem and what would have been the likely result if they had not taken Antioch?

10. How did Bohemond finally make entry into Antioch, fostering the eventual Christian takeover?

11. In your opinion what were the true reasons for the Crusades and how is it viewed in the West and Islamic society?

12. Was the first Crusade a success and why is its legacy relevant today?