

The Crusades

Reading:

The Crusades were a series of wars that started in 1096 and ended in 1291, they fronted the Christians and the Muslims. It originated because the two sides wanted control over the “Holy Land”, which is the city of Jerusalem, and other nearby cities like Nazaret. The main event of the

First Crusade took place in June 1098 when the Crusaders and the Byzantines decided to keep their Alliance despite the deteriorating relations between their leaders and succeeded in the conquer of the city of Anatolia. Shortly after, they invaded the great city of Jerusalem, managing to pull off the incredible achievement of conquering their objective just 3 years after the start of the war, this is known as the First Crusade. The Second Crusade took place 5 decades later, when in 1144, the Muslims decided to strike back, as they felt that those lands belonged to them. Led by the Seljuk general Zangi, governor of Mosul, captured Edessa. This event spread around Europe, so Led by two great rulers, King Louis VII of France and King Conrad III of Germany, the Christians called for another Crusades, and many more came in the next years, even after 1291 it still occurred.



Reading Comprehension exercise

Select the true phrases

The Crusades consisted of only one battle

The city of Jerusalem was very important to christian people

The Christians “started” this conflict

The Crusades stopped at 1291

The wars didn't start because of religious reasons



Grammar exercise

Complete the phrases with the correct verb

1. The pope Urban II _____ on western cristians to give battle to the Muslims
2. In 1096, jewish people _____ massacred by the Crusaders
3. The crusades _____ almost a millennium ago.
4. King Louis VII was an important french King who _____ in 1180
5. Crusades _____ in 1096 and ended in 1291
6. By 1099 the Relation between Crusaders and Byzantines was starting to worse.

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