

What were the crusades?

The _____ were a series of _____ where Christians and Muslims fought to control the Holy Land. _____ is a holy place for Christians because many important events in the life of _____ happened there. It is holy to the Muslim religion, _____, too. Muslims believe their prophet, Mohammed, visited Heaven from there. Jerusalem and the surrounding area (what we call modern day Israel) was known as the _____ Land. The crusades dragged on and off for about _____ years. English knights and soldiers mainly fought in what is known as the Third Crusade between the years 1189 and 1192 under the king, _____.

Crusades	wars	Jerusalem	Jesus
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Why did people go join the Crusades?

Sort the information (reasons for joining) on the back of this handout into the three columns below:

Money	Power	Religion

REASONS TO GO ON A CRUSADE

You could gain a heroic reputation.



People were scared of death due to diseases and going on a crusade guaranteed them heaven.

To ensure that Christian pilgrims had access to Jerusalem.

Your Lord or King was fighting and you had to go to support him.

Successful crusaders would be rewarded with lands and titles.

The Pope said you should go and he is your religious leader and knows best.

Your sins were forgiven if you went on Crusade.

There would be opportunity to take treasures and money from captured lands

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