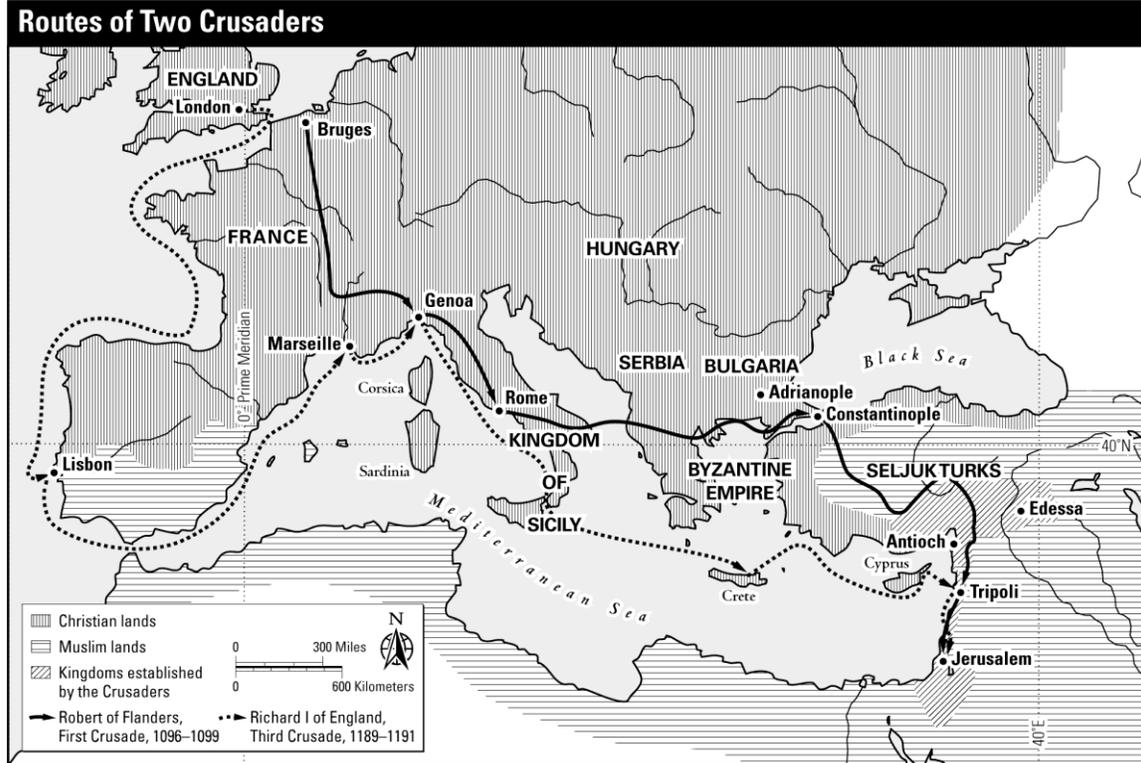


Document 1



1. Which city was the destination of the first two Crusades? _____
2. Which religion had “home field advantage” during the Crusades? _____

Document 2

“For many years, European Christians had made the long difficult journey to the Middle East to visit the place where Jesus lived and taught. Jerusalem was especially important since it was the location of the crucifixion and death of Jesus. In the late 1000’s, Seljuk Turks, a Muslim people based in Asia Minor took over Jerusalem and began to interfere with Christian visitors to the Holy Land. At the Council of Clermont in 1095, Pope Urban II called for a crusade, or holy war against the Turks. Thousands of Christian knights and peasants began to sail for Jerusalem in order to recapture the Holy land.”

What was the goal of the Crusades? _____

Document 3

“As news of Pope Urban’s speech spread throughout Europe, excitement grew. Eager for adventure, wealth, and a chance to serve God, lords and knights began to organize armies. Common people also came together to fight in the Crusades but often pursued violence against other non-Christians as well. As they marched through the Byzantine Empire, they began to kill Jews by the thousands until few Jews remained in Eastern Europe.”

List four reasons why people joined the Crusades. _____

Document 4

“The First Crusade began in 1096. On the long journey to Jerusalem, the crusaders faced many hardships. Finally in 1099, ‘mad with joy’ they reached Jerusalem, fought their way through the city and massacred all the Muslim and Jewish inhabitants. After the killing and looting, the crusaders ‘full of happiness and weeping with joy’ went to worship at the tomb of Jesus.”

Why can the Crusaders be considered hypocrites? _____

Document 5

“For the time being, the crusaders had won. They set up Crusader “states” in the areas surrounding Jerusalem. But the Muslims were determined to regain their holy places. In 1187, a Muslim ruler and general named Saladin launched a successful attack on the Crusader states and recaptured Jerusalem. European kings quickly sent out a Second Crusade, then a Third Crusade, until finally after the Fourth Crusade failed, signed an agreement with Muslim rulers to abandon any further crusades against Jerusalem.”

Why do many Muslims still consider Saladin a hero? _____
