# Unit Y203: the crusades and the crusader states 1095-1192

Note: Based on 2x 50 minute lessons per week

Terms based on 6 term year.

| **Key Topic** | **Term** | **Week Number** | **Indicative Content** | **Extended Content** | **Resources** |
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| **The First Crusade** | 1 | 1 | The situation in Western Europe, Byzantium and the Islamic Near East on the eve of the First Crusade; | * Geography, population and society * Holy Roman Empire and the Papacy e.g. Investiture Contest * Religious belief | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 2 | the idea of Holy War; the Appeal of Alexius 1095; | * Reasons for Alexius’ appeal * Improvement in relations between Rome and Byzantium * Alexis’ exaggeration of threat from Islam * Idea of Holy War and ‘Armed Pilgrimage’ | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |

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|  |  | 2-3 | Urban II’s aims and appeal at Clermont | * Urban’s views at Clermont * Reasons for launching crusade | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  |  | 3 | the preaching of the First Crusade | * Significance of Jerusalem * Bishop Adhemar and Count of Toulouse * Use of Saints’ Days to preach | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  |  | 3-4 | motives of Crusaders; | * Religious fervour and penitence * Political and territorial reasons * Motives of the Normans | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  |  | 4-5 | the People’s Crusade | * Who went on the People’s Crusade: class, nationality, background, motivation | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  |  | 6 | leadership of the First Crusade and divisions | * Biographies of key leaders e.g. Godfrey of Bouillon, Stephen of Blois * Divisions in Byzantium * Attitudes to Emperor Alexius | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  |  | 7 | journey across Anatolia | * Siege of Nicaea * Battle of Dorylaeum * Triumphs and near disaster | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  |  | 7-8 | the political and religious divisions in the Islamic world | * Sunni and Shia divisions * Power vacuum in Anatolia | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  |  | 8-9 | military tactics of the Crusaders and opponents; | * How tactics differed in success e.g. heavy cavalry charges versus mounted archers | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  |  | 9 | the capture of Edessa (1098), Antioch (1098) and Jerusalem (1099). | * Why Edessa was important * Significance of capture of Antioch * Saxon Crusade * Role of Bohemond * Miracle of the Holy Lance * March on Jerusalem, siege, and massacre | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
| **The Crusader States in the 12th Century** |  | 10 | Establishment, development, reasons for survival of Crusader States, including Jerusalem and Antioch; | * Establishment: who should be king, new conquests, key leaders e.g. Baldwin, government and administration * Crusades of 1101 and 1108 * Battle of the Field of Blood | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
| 2 | 11 | the role of rulers (especially the Kings of Jerusalem) | * Baldwin I and Baldwin II as leaders * Family links with the west | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 11-12 | western aid | * Economic and financial state of the new crusader states | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 11-12 | problems of succession, including the death of Baldwin II | * Baldwin’s plans for succession * Melisende and Fulk’s accession | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 12-13 | internal rivalries including Baldwin III and Melisende, the events of 1183–1186 | * Family relationships and breakdown * Amalric * Joint kingship of Baldwin IV and Baldwin V * Rivalries of Sybille and Guy. * The situation by 1192 | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 13-14 | Muslim disunity; | * Lack of unity and its effect on the establishment of the Crusader states * Short alliances and reasons for failure | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 13-14 | manpower; castles | * Why castles were built, and number of soldiers * Different generations of castles | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 14 | the military orders of the Templars and Hospitallers | * How radical were the orders, and how did their power develop to 1145? * Debate over the security of the Crusader kingdoms | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 14 | finance. | * Sources, problems and solutions of finance | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
| **The Second Crusade** |  | **15** | Circumstances in Outremer in 1130s and 1140s; | * Internal divisions and rebellions e.g. Count Hugh’s rebellion | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
| 3 | 15-16 | rise of Zengi and the development of *Jihad* | * Origins of Jihad * Zengi’s aims and motived * Reasons for Zengi’s success * Achievements | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 16 | taking of Edessa (1144); | * Tactics, finance and morale of Edessa * Lack of support from Byzantium | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 17 | Bernard of Clairvaux and the call for Second Crusade | * The quantum praedecessores * Privileges offered to crusaders * Leaders of the Second Crusade | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 17 | reasons for the failure of the Second Crusade; | * German contingent * French successes and failures * Edessa and Damascus | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  |  | 18 | events in Anatolia, Antioch, Acre (1147–1148) | * Successes and failures of crusaders | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  |  | 18-19 | siege of Damascus (1148) | * Reasons for failure of siege of Damascus | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  |  | 19 | the Islamic response to the Second Crusade  the impact of the failure of the Second Crusade on the West, Outremer and the Islamic world. | * Nur ad-Din and the conquest of Egypt * Islamic unity * Growth of idea of jihad | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
| **The Third Crusade** |  | 20 | Reasons for and aims of the Third Crusade; | * Preparation for the crusade * Reasons for slow start * Audita tremendi | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 20 | the development of the idea of *Jihad*; | * Religious propagandists * Nur ad-Din’s development of the idea of Jihad | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
| 4 | 21 | Zengi, Nur ad Din and Saladin | * Zengi’s taking of Edessa and other achievements * Saladin’s rebuilding of the Muslim world and increased unity * Successes in battle | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 22 | problems in Outremer, Hattin (1187) and the loss of Jerusalem (1187 | * Failure of the west to send reinforcements * Internal weaknesses in the kingdom e.g. leper-king * Factions politics, Guy and Raymond | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 23 | reasons for the failure of Frederick Barbarossa’s expedition | * Death of Barbarossa and impact | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 23 | the roles of Richard I and Philip Augustus | * Richard’s I army and finances * Allegiance of Richard I and Philip | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 23 | events at Acre and Jaffa (1191–1192) | * Conditions at Acre * Siege of Acre * Relations between Richard and Leopold * Murder of Conrad * Battle of Arsuf | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 24-25 | negotiations with Saladin | * Reasons for failure * Egypt * Massacre of prisoners | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |
|  | 25 | consequences of the Third Crusade for the West, Outremer and the Islamic world | * Capture and imprisonment of Richard I * Extent of success and failure of third crusade * Stalemate | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser * *The Crusades*, Byrom and Riley * *The Crusades* (Seminar Studies), Phillips * *The Crusades: The War for the Holy Land*, Asbridge * *God’s War: A New History of The Crusades*, Tyerman |

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