One War, Many Views

Motives and changes during the Crusades

6.H.4 "Analyze the diverse points of view and motivations of those involved in the Crusades, and give examples of the changes brought about by the Crusades."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline reasons people acted, circle changes caused by the Crusades, and put a 1 or 2 beside two sentences that show different points of view.

Why They Went, What Changed

1. In 1095, a messenger from the Byzantine Empire reached western Europe. The emperor wanted help against Turkish armies that had taken Byzantine land. Pope Urban II called on western Christians to go east. He hoped to aid fellow Christians and regain Jerusalem, a city holy to Christians, Jews, and Muslims. Some knights joined to practice their faith and seek land or honor. Others joined hoping for forgiveness of sins. These goals overlapped, but the emperor's wish to protect his empire was not the same as every knight's reason for leaving home.

2. The first crusading armies reached Jerusalem in 1099. Many local Muslims fought to defend their homes and places of worship, not to help the Byzantine emperor or the pope. Jewish families in the city also faced danger. When crusaders took Jerusalem, they killed many Muslim and Jewish residents. Muslim leaders did not all respond in the same way: some fought crusaders, while others made agreements with them at different times. Later, Saladin united forces and recaptured Jerusalem in 1187. To many Muslims, he was defending lands they considered their own.

3. The Crusades also changed places far from Jerusalem. Italian merchants wanted access to eastern trade, and some supplied crusaders with ships. In 1204, a crusading army attacked Constantinople, the capital of the Christian Byzantine Empire, instead of reaching Jerusalem. Crusaders looted the city. Many Byzantine residents lost property and came to distrust western crusaders. Italian trading cities gained valuable trading rights in former Byzantine lands. Trade between Europe and the eastern Mediterranean grew during this era, but violence and broken alliances also left deep divisions.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did the Byzantine emperor's goal differ from Pope Urban II's goals?

2. Why might a crusading knight and a Muslim defender of Jerusalem have viewed the fighting differently?

3. How might a Jewish family in Jerusalem and a crusading knight have viewed the city's capture differently? Use details from the passage.

4. How could the events of 1204 have benefited Italian trading cities while harming Byzantine residents?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a four-sentence exchange set in Constantinople in 1205 between an Italian ship supplier and a Byzantine shopkeeper. Show what each wanted, describe one change caused by the crusade, and make their views of that change different.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline reasons people acted, circle changes caused by the Crusades, and put a 1 or 2 beside two sentences that show different points of view. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did the Byzantine emperor's goal differ from Pope Urban II's goals?	**The emperor wanted help against armies that had taken Byzantine land. The pope wanted to aid fellow Christians and regain Jerusalem.**
2	Why might a crusading knight and a Muslim defender of Jerusalem have viewed the fighting differently?	**A knight might have fought for faith, land, honor, or forgiveness of sins. A Muslim defender fought to protect home and places of worship.**
3	How might a Jewish family in Jerusalem and a crusading knight have viewed the city's capture differently? Use details from the passage.	**A Jewish family could have seen the capture as a danger because crusaders killed Jewish residents. A knight could have seen it as gaining a city holy to Christians.**
4	How could the events of 1204 have benefited Italian trading cities while harming Byzantine residents?	**Italian trading cities gained valuable trading rights, while Byzantine residents lost property when crusaders looted Constantinople.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Italian supplier: I supplied ships because I wanted better access to eastern trade. Byzantine shopkeeper: I wanted my shop to stay safe, but crusaders looted our city. Italian supplier: The new trading rights may help merchants from my city. Byzantine shopkeeper: Those rights do not replace what my neighbors lost.

Accept reasonable inferences about a person's viewpoint when they are supported by passage details. For Part 3, look for two distinct voices, their goals, a change caused by the crusade, and different views of that change.