

Crusades	A series of medieval military expeditions made by Europeans to recover the Holy Land
Crusader	A fighter in the medieval Crusades
Middle Ages	1066 -1485 the Middle Ages was one of the most turbulent periods in English History. Starting with the Battle of Hastings and the Norman Conquest.
Doom Painting	Works of art depicting the Last Judgement. They were designed to put the fear of god into folk who frequented churches.
Jerusalem	A city in the Middle East. It is one of the oldest cities in the world and is considered holy to the three major religions; Judaism, Islam and Christianity.
Pilgrimage	A religious journey
Peasant	A poor smallholder or agricultural labourer of low social status
Holy Land	The area of land that stretches from Egypt to Syria which has biblical connections
Infidel	A person who has no religion or whose religion is not that of the majority
Expelled	Forced to leave a place
Looted	Steal goods from (a place), typically during a war or riot
Saracens	The word used by the Crusaders to describe Muslims
Islam	A religion which teaches that there is only one God, and that Muhammad is the messenger of God.



- First Crusade: 1096 to 1099
- Second Crusade: 1147 to 1149
- Third Crusade: 1189 to 1192
- Fourth Crusade: 1201 to 1204
- Fifth Crusade: 1217 to 1221
- Sixth Crusade : 1228 to 1229
- Seventh Crusade: 1248 to 1254
- Eighth Crusade : 1270

In the Middle Ages, the Muslim world stretched from India to Spain, including Jerusalem and the Holy Land. For Jews, Christians and Muslims, Jerusalem was and still is a holy city. For Medieval Christians it was the centre of their world spiritually and geographically according to their maps.

#### Key People

**Byzantine Emperor Alexius I of Constantinople** After threats for to his territory by Muslim Turks he urged the Pope to send help to fight the Muslims

**Pope Urban II** On 27 November 1095 he made perhaps the most influential speech of the Middle Ages, giving rise to the Crusades by calling all Christians in Europe to war against Muslims in order to reclaim the Holy Land, with a cry of "Deus volt!" or "God wills it!"

**Robert of Normandy**, son of William the Conqueror was the leader of the first crusade.

#### Why did people choose to crusade?

1. People went on Crusades because they wanted to take back Jerusalem by reason that they thought that it was rightfully theirs since it is there where Jesus died.
2. Some people did it for honour, revenge or love.
3. The people wanted their sins to be forgiven, and to go to heaven.
4. They had committed a crime and were forced by the church to go on a Crusade