# 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
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|  | 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’
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|  |  | 2-3 | Urban II’s aims and appeal at Clermont  | * Urban’s views at Clermont
* Reasons for launching crusade
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|  |  | 3 | the preaching of the First Crusade  | * Significance of Jerusalem
* Bishop Adhemar and Count of Toulouse
* Use of Saints’ Days to preach
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|  |  | 3-4 | motives of Crusaders;  | * Religious fervour and penitence
* Political and territorial reasons
* Motives of the Normans
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|  |  | 4-5 | the People’s Crusade  | * Who went on the People’s Crusade: class, nationality, background, motivation
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|  |  | 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
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|  |  | 7 | journey across Anatolia  | * Siege of Nicaea
* Battle of Dorylaeum
* Triumphs and near disaster
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|  |  | 7-8 | the political and religious divisions in the Islamic world  | * Sunni and Shia divisions
* Power vacuum in Anatolia
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|  |  | 8-9 | military tactics of the Crusaders and opponents;  | * How tactics differed in success e.g. heavy cavalry charges versus mounted archers
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|  |  | 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
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| **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
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| 2 | 11 | the role of rulers (especially the Kings of Jerusalem)  | * Baldwin I and Baldwin II as leaders
* Family links with the west
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|  | 11-12 | western aid  | * Economic and financial state of the new crusader states
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|  | 11-12 | problems of succession, including the death of Baldwin II  | * Baldwin’s plans for succession
* Melisende and Fulk’s accession
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|  | 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
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|  | 13-14 | Muslim disunity;  | * Lack of unity and its effect on the establishment of the Crusader states
* Short alliances and reasons for failure
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|  | 13-14 | manpower; castles  | * Why castles were built, and number of soldiers
* Different generations of castles
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|  | 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
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|  | 14 | finance.  | * Sources, problems and solutions of finance
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| **The Second Crusade**  |  | **15** | Circumstances in Outremer in 1130s and 1140s;  | * Internal divisions and rebellions e.g. Count Hugh’s rebellion
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| 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
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|  | 16 | taking of Edessa (1144);  | * Tactics, finance and morale of Edessa
* Lack of support from Byzantium
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|  | 17 | Bernard of Clairvaux and the call for Second Crusade  | * The quantum praedecessores
* Privileges offered to crusaders
* Leaders of the Second Crusade
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|  | 17 | reasons for the failure of the Second Crusade;  | * German contingent
* French successes and failures
* Edessa and Damascus
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|  |  | 18 | events in Anatolia, Antioch, Acre (1147–1148) | * Successes and failures of crusaders
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|  |  | 18-19 | siege of Damascus (1148) | * Reasons for failure of siege of Damascus
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|  |  | 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
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| **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
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|  | 20 | the development of the idea of *Jihad*;  | * Religious propagandists
* Nur ad-Din’s development of the idea of Jihad
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| 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
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|  | 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
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|  | 23 | reasons for the failure of Frederick Barbarossa’s expedition  | * Death of Barbarossa and impact
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|  | 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
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|  | 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
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|  | 24-25 | negotiations with Saladin  | * Reasons for failure
* Egypt
* Massacre of prisoners
 | * *The First Crusade and the Crusader States*, Purser
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|  | 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
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