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THE CRUSADES

My name is King Richard The Lion Hearted. I was the King of England during the twelfth century. In the year 1189 I led the Third Crusade against the Muslims. Our goal was to **RECAPTURE** the holy city of Jerusalem, which was taken by the Muslims under the leadership of Saladin. Jerusalem is very **SACRED** to Christians because it is where Jesus was crucified and where he went to heaven. The Third Crusade was the bloodiest of them all. More than 300,000 Christians and Muslims died.

I was glad to go on the Crusade because I was doing God's work. The First Crusade was called for by Pope Urban II in the year 1095. He ordered the Kings of Europe to capture the Christian Holy Land, called Palestine, from the Muslims. Knights and Kings who fought in the Crusades were forgiven for the sins by the Pope. The First Crusade did drive the Muslims out of the Holy Land. A Second Crusade in 1147 failed to stop the Muslims from getting back some of their land. There was even a Children's Crusade. In the year 1212, thousands of children from France and Germany traveled to Jerusalem. They believed Jesus Christ would help them capture the city from the Muslims. Many of them died or returned to Europe in failure.

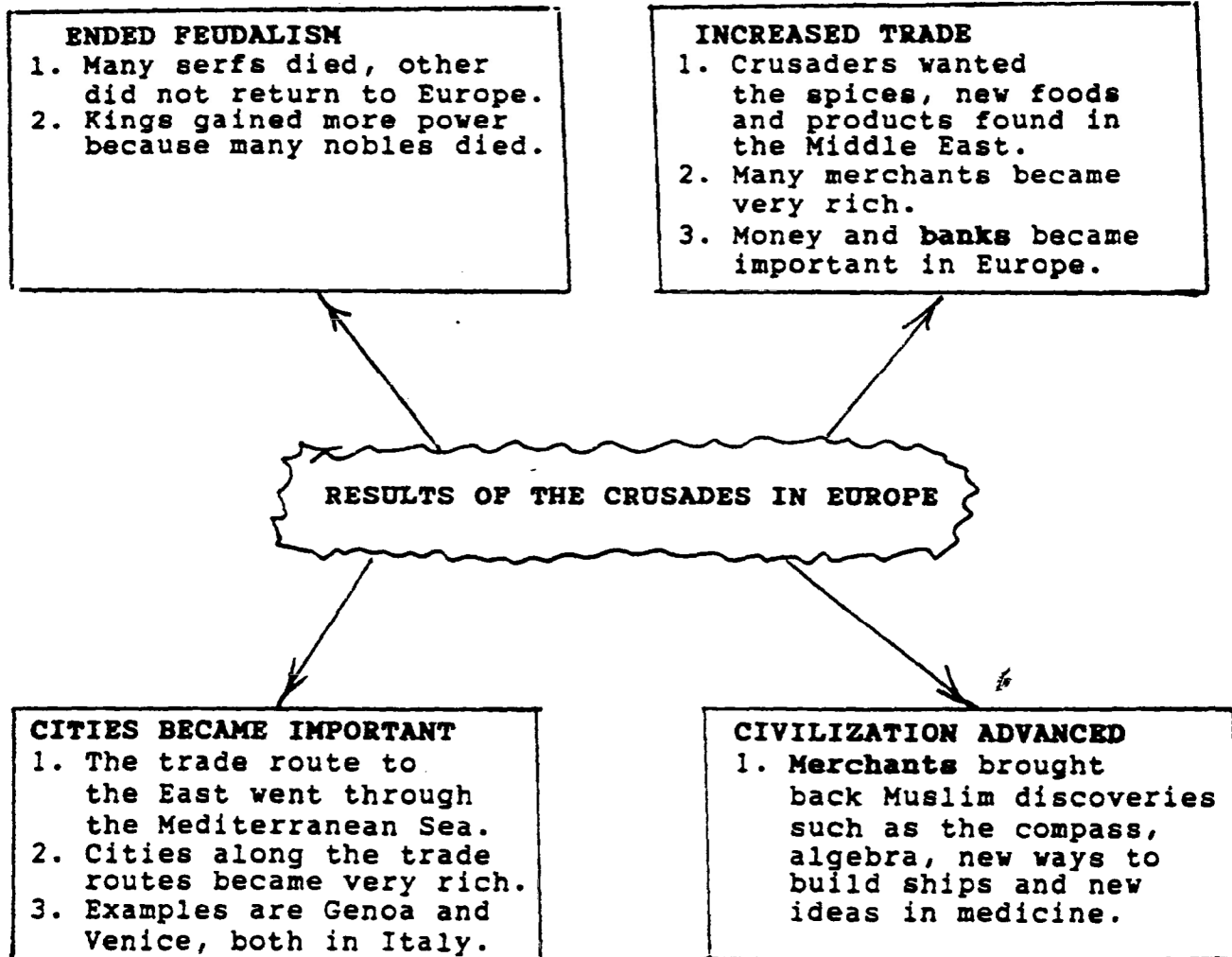
My name is Saladin. I united the Muslims in the year 1187 and captured Jerusalem from the Christians. Jerusalem is one of the most sacred cities in the Muslim religion. It is the place where the Prophet Mohammed made his trip to heaven. The Christians traveled 2,000 miles to take the city away from us. With the help of Allah we defeated the Christians and recaptured Jerusalem. We then defeated King Richard when he tried to recapture the city from us. I agreed to allow Christians to visit their holy places in the city. In the year 1291, almost 200 years after the First Crusade, we Muslims had control of the entire Holy Land. The Christian Crusades against us ended in failure.

QUESTIONS:

1. Explain why each of the following people was important during the Crusades. A) Pope Urban II, B) King Richard The Lion Hearted, C) Saladin.
2. Why is Jerusalem sacred to both Muslims and to Christians?
3. Which leader, Saladin or King Richard, do you agree with? Explain your answer.
4. If you were a Christian living in Europe at this time, would you have gone on a Crusade? Why?
5. If you were a Muslim, living in the Middle East at this time, would you have fought against the Crusaders? Why?

RESULTS OF THE CRUSADES IN EUROPE

The Crusaders never recaptured the Holy Land from the Muslims. However, the Crusades did have a great **EFFECT** on Europeans. Look at the chart below to see how the Crusades changed *Europe*.



QUESTIONS:

1. List four (4) ways the Crusades changed Europe.
2. If you lived in Europe during the thirteenth century, how would the results of the Crusades have changed your life?
3. Cultural diffusion means that ideas and cultures spread from one part of the world to another part. How did the Crusades *cause* cultural diffusion during the Middle Ages?