



TEACHING TIP

After completing the prereading and the Latin passage on the next page, ask students how the quote from Timothy relates to one of the motivating factors for men who participated in the crusades. When the students correctly suggest the motive was for personal monetary gain, ask them what evil that greed for gain engendered. This question should elicit a response about how even the victorious crusaders sensed how horrible the slaughter was.

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Standards 1.1, 1.2, 3.1, 3.2, 5.2



TEACHER BY THE WAY

Students might not understand that “entering the church” means that William of Tyre undertook studies for the priesthood and chose a professional career in the church.



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The Crusades

A crusade is strictly speaking any “holy” war, carried on in the name of religion. But the word “Crusades” when applied to the medieval history of Europe typically refers to a series of nine campaigns carried on between 1095 and 1291, in which Western European knights, in the name of the Christian religion, captured Jerusalem and the surrounding territory in what is today Israel and Syria, in which both feudal rulers on the Western European model and bishoprics of the Latin Church subject to Rome were established. This eastern outpost of Latin Europe effectively came to an end with the fall of the city of Acre in 1291. A summary of these nine crusades will be found later in the notes for this chapter.



TEACHER BY THE WAY

Tyre had been a key center of the ancient Phoenician civilization. It became part of the Hellenistic world after its capture by Alexander the Great in the late fourth century BCE. Afterward it was an important city in the Roman Empire. With the rise of Islam it was held by Muslim rulers until the time of the First Crusade. Tyre is still a principal city in Lebanon.



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In preparation for reading the passage about Jerusalem, instruct students to find Jerusalem and Tyre on the map on pp. xxviii–xxix. In conjunction with the chapter’s illustrations, ask them to locate Brussels and Krak de Chevaliers, which is listed on the map in Latin as *Castra equitum*.

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