

**Directions:** Fill in the blanks using the information on pages 382-385 in your textbook.

## The Crusades

Muslim Empires ruled the Middle East starting in about 600 CE. The first two empires, the Umayyad and Abbasids, allowed Christians from Europe to travel freely in the Holy Land. This was very important to Catholic and Orthodox Christians because Jerusalem and the other important cities discussed in the Bible were popular pilgrim sites. The Crusades were nine military expeditions by the Christians of Medieval Europe to the Holy Land in the Middle East. A group of **M** \_\_\_\_\_, known as the Seljuk Turks, took over the Holy City of **J** \_\_\_\_\_ around 1000 A.D. and forbid Christians from visiting. This made the leader of the Catholic Church, **P** \_\_\_\_\_, very angry because Christians regularly traveled to Jerusalem in what were called **pilgrimages**. A pilgrimage was a trip taken by a Christian to atone (or make-up) for a **sin**. Pope Urban II asked the men of Europe to invade the Middle East and retake the **H** \_\_\_\_\_ **L** \_\_\_\_\_, including the City of **Jerusalem**, from the Muslims. The Pope hoped that these crusaders would be able to drive the Muslims out of the Holy Land and make it safe for Christian Pilgrims. The first Crusade in 1095 was a **s** \_\_\_\_\_, Jerusalem and the area surrounding it became a **Christian Kingdom**. This only lasted about 45 years however, starting in 1145 the Muslims started to retake the land gained by the Christians in the First Crusade. This inspired the **Second Crusade** which was a total failure; by 1187, the city of Jerusalem was **back under the control of M** \_\_\_\_\_. The Christians of Europe tried **s** \_\_\_\_\_ more times to drive the Muslims out of the Holy Land but none of these later Crusades was a success.

# REASONS FOR THE CRUSADES

Knights saw the Crusades as an opportunity to use their \_\_\_\_\_ skills.

The Church and kings saw the Crusades as an opportunity to get rid of quarrelsome \_\_\_\_\_ who threatened the peace of their kingdoms.

Political Reasons

Economic Reasons

Religious Reasons

***“IT IS THE WILL OF GOD”***

Merchants profited by making \_\_\_\_\_ to finance the Crusades.

Merchants leased their \_\_\_\_\_ to transport armies of Crusaders.

Merchants sought to win control of \_\_\_\_\_ routes to the East from Muslims.

Younger \_\_\_\_\_ with no inheritance rights were looking for land, a position in society or adventure.

Peasants/Serfs were \_\_\_\_\_ from the land if they joined the crusades

To gain control of the \_\_\_\_\_ also known as Palestine.

To \_\_\_\_\_ Christendom which had split into Eastern & Western branches.

To stop \_\_\_\_\_ attacks on Christian lands.

Crusaders were promised instant \_\_\_\_\_ if they died fighting the Muslims.