

Study Guide - Crusades

What were the Crusades?

- A series of religious and political wars fought between 1096 and 1291 for control of the Holy Land
- Pope Urban II started the first crusade
 - Wanted to aid Byzantine Empire



What and where is the Holy Land?

- A sacred place where people believe god entered into his relationship with people
- Extreme contrast in land
- Holy Land stretches from Egypt, Syria, Israel, ETC.
- Land of the Jewish people



Council of Clermont

- A assembly that Pope Urban issued to aid the Greeks against the Muslim turks
- A big meeting



Effects of the Crusades

- Kings gained power through crusades
- Cultures learned from different cultures, European and Muslims
- Much fighting which led to decline of population



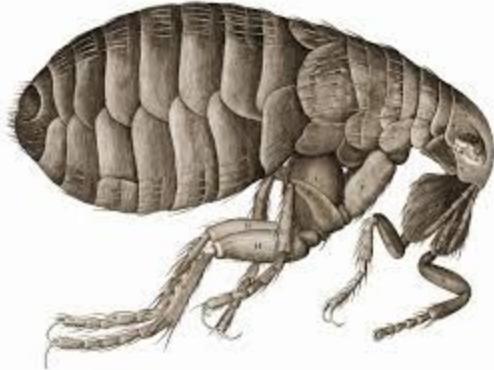
What was the Black Death?

- A disease caused by the bacterium Yersinia pestis that circulates among wild rodents where they live in great numbers and density, Plague among humans arises when rodents in human habitation, normally black rats, become infected.



How did it originate and spread?

- It originated in Asia and then spread onward into China and India, It was spread by rats that had fleas on them, the fleas would bite the people and would infect them.



Effects of the Black Death

- 75 to 200 million people died
- The workforce declined and suddenly needed more people for labor
- Lost skilled workers that were key for the communities
- Economy went down and trading, lost a lot of people so there was no one to trade.
- Stopped believing in god

