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LT: I can explain explain multiple causes of the Crusades

*What are the positive and negative effects of cultural exchange?
Example: The Crusades*

Part 1: Background Info

1. What are the Crusades?


Series of wars fought by _____ European knights, at the request of the _____, with the goal of taking _____ back from the Muslims AND defending the _____ Empire from the _____ Turks.

2. Why was Jerusalem and the Holy Land important?

Judaism	Christianity	Islam

Part 2: Causes of the Crusades

The Situation in the Middle East

- 1009- Muslim Fatimid Caliph destroyed the  _____ in Jerusalem (made Christians really angry)
- Mid-1000s- _____ arrived and conquered a huge piece of the Middle East and Egypt, including land very close to Constantinople

The Situation in Western Europe

- Church tried to stop the violent behavior of knights against fellow _____ by banning fighting during holy days and forbid killing, but it was not working
- Recent issues like the _____ (1054) made Western Christians passionately religious



A Cry for Help

- Byzantine Emperor asked Pope Urban II (his rival) to send a small elite force of knights to help him fight the Muslim Turks
- 1095 Pope Urban gives a speech to nobles & bishops to fight a Crusade against the Muslim Turks.



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Part 3: Pope Urban II's 1095 Speech at Clermont

Use the two excerpts below and any inferences you can make to fill out the table at the bottom of the page.

This account is from the Crusade chronicler, Fulcher of Chartres.

POPE URBAN II: "...Your brothers who live in the east are in... need of your help, and you must hasten (rush) to give them [help]. For, as the most of you have heard, the Turks and Arabs have attacked them and have conquered [much of] the territory of [the Byzantine Empire]... They have killed and captured many, and have destroyed the churches and [conquered much of] the empire. If you [let them continue], the faithful of God (Christians) will be much more widely attacked by them. [God commands you] to persuade all people of whatever rank (social class), foot-soldiers and knights, poor and rich, to [rush to help] to those Christians and to destroy that vile (disgusting) race from the lands of our friends... Christ commands it. All who die [on the way or] in battle... shall have immediate remission (forgiveness) of sins...

Let those who have been [used to] unjustly [fighting] against [fellow Christians] now go against the infidels (disbelievers) and end with victory this war which should have been begun long ago. Let those who for a long time, have been robbers, now become knights. Let those who have been fighting against their brothers and relatives now fight in a proper way against the barbarians (Muslims). Let those who have been serving as mercenaries (hired soldiers) for small pay now obtain the eternal reward..."

Source: Pope Urban II at the Council of Clermont, 1095, according to the account of Fulcher of Chartres.

Another account, this one by Robert the Monk written in 1120, presents a different version of the speech.

POPE URBAN II: "From... Jerusalem [to] Constantinople a horrible tale has gone forth... that a race from the kingdom of the Persians (referring to the Muslims), an accursed race, a race [entirely separated] from God... has invaded the lands of those Christians and has depopulated them by the sword, pillage (violent robbery), and fire... and some they have destroyed by cruel tortures; they have either entirely destroyed the churches of God or [used them for their own religion]..."

When they wish to torture people by a [painful] death, they [cut open] their [stomachs], and [pulling out] the... intestines... then with flogging (whipping) they [force the victim to walk until the internal organs] having gushed forth, the victim falls prostrate (on hands and knees) upon the ground. Others they bind to a pole and [shoot] with arrows. Others they compel (force) to extend their necks and then, attacking them with swords, attempt to cut through the neck with a single [swing]. What shall I say of the abominable (horrible) rape of the women? To speak of it is worse than to be silent. The kingdom of the Greeks (the Byzantine Empire) is now dismembered (cut to pieces) by them... [Whose responsibility is it, then, to take revenge and to recover these lost lands, if not you?]

[The holy city of Jerusalem] is now held captive by [God's] enemies, and is [ruled by] those who do not know God. [Jerusalem] desires to be liberated (freed)... [Take] this journey for the remission (forgiveness) of your sins, with the [promise] of the [never-ending] glory of the kingdom of heaven.

Source: Pope Urban II at the Council of Clermont, 1095, according to the account of Robert the Monk.

1. List 4 reasons Pope Urban II may have had for giving his speech. Why would it be in his best interest to send thousands of people to fight the Muslims? (Choose a political, social, economic, & religious reason)

2. List 4 reasons the Crusaders may have had for going on the Crusade. Why would they agree to travel thousands of miles to fight the Muslims? (Choose a political, social, economic, & religious reason)