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**Global 9/ Period: Why did they fight?**

**Why did the Crusaders fight?**

**DIRECTIONS:** Use the 4 primary sources below to determine 4 reasons people in Western Europe were willing to go on Crusades.   Read each source and then sum it up in your own words on the back of this worksheet.  YOU ARE NOT COPYING THE SOURCE - you are simply summing up the main idea in a sentence or two.

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| **Source #1**  *Your brethren (other Christians) who live in the east are in urgent need of your help and you must hasten (hurry) to give them the aid which has often been promised them.  For, as most of you have heard, the Turks and Arabs have attacked them…They have killed and captured many, and have destroyed the churches…If you permit them to continue…the faithful of God will be much more widely attacked by them.  On this account I, or rather the Lord, beseech (beg) you…to persuade all people of whatever rank, foot-soldiers and knights, poor and rich, to carry aid promptly to those Christians and to destroy that vile race from the lands of our friends…Christ commands it!*   - Pope Urban speaking to a Council of Christian Bishops | **Source #2**  *All who die on the way (going to the Holy Land), whether by land or by sea, or in battle against the pagans (people who were not medieval Christians) shall have immediate remission of sins [will have their sins forgiven.].  Oh what a disgrace if such a despised race, which worships demons, should conquer a people which has the faith of God and is made glorious with the name of Christ!*  - Pope Urban speaking to a council of Christian Bishops |
| **Source #3**  *Oh, race of Franks (French people) this land you inhabit, shut in on all sides by the seas and surrounded by the mountain peaks, is too narrow for your large population; nor does it abound in wealth; and it doesn’t furnish (provide) enough food for its cultivators [farmers].  This is why you murder one another.  The land which as the Scripture says “floweth with milk and honey,” and Jerusalem where the land is fruitful above others, was given by God (to Christians)*  - Pope Urban speaking to Franks (French people) | **Source #4**  **Helpful Info:**   On the Fourth Crusade the Christians never made it to the “Holy Land.”  They did, however, attack and conquer Constantinople – which was a Christian city on the way to Jerusalem.  *There was so much treasure heaped up in Constantinople, so many precious gold and silver vessels, cloth of gold and rich jewels, that it was a wonder to behold.  Never since the beginning of the world has such wealth been won.*  - Account of Robert of Clari, a French knight who witnessed the looting of Constantinople. |

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**Source #3-**

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