Crusades:

**“Holy wars” to** regain control of the holy lands (Jerusalem) by the European Christians from the **Moslem Turks**. (Seljuk)

**8** Crusades over **200** years.

**Pope Urban II** started the **first** crusade in **1095 AD.**

**First** and **third** are most important.

**1st** Crusade

~well organized **military** expedition.

~ established **Christian** control over **Jerusalem** for about **75** years.

~weaken the **Byzantine Empire** by looting **Constantinople** in 1204.

**3rd Crusade**- 1189

~ led by King **Richard the Lion-Hearted**

~failed to recapture **Jerusalem**

~persuaded Turks to allow safe passage to the **Holy Lands**

By 1291, Turks gain complete control of the Holy Lands until **1918 (**end of WWI)

**Crusades** mark the beginning of the end of the **Middle Ages**

1. **broadened**  people’s outlook
2. stimulated **trade**
3. led to the Renaissance – **a rebirth of Greek/ Roman Knowledge**
4. left a legacy of **hatred, distrust, & intolerance between the Christians, Jews and Moslems.**