

What's the first thought that comes into your mind when you think of the Crusades that took place throughout the 12th & 13th centuries?

I think of a picture with a lot of infantry and cavalry all destined to fight for their religion. I also see a cross on the soldiers' shields and horses showing their motivation to fight. It is a war and men, as well as women and children, die in wars.

What message does it convey about the Crusades?

The message conveys that they were religious wars fought between Christian and Muslim forces. The emphasis is on the soldiers' motivation to fight for their religion, as shown by the crosses on their shields and horses. The mention of death in war also highlights the brutal and violent nature of the conflict.

What frame value or values seem to lie around such messages?

The values that seem to lie around such messages include religious devotion, patriotism, and bravery. The image of soldiers fighting for their faith and country implies a sense of duty and honor. The focus on the cross symbol also suggests a connection to the Church and its teachings.

What about images of contracts and contractual relationships?

Contracts were a prevalent mode of relationship mediation in western European societies and that they could have far-reaching consequences, including disastrous outcomes in international relations.