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### Research and Writing Assignment- The Crusades

According to History.com and our text, The Crusades, which took place throughout the 12th and 13th centuries, was a religious war between Christians and Muslims that started over the control of holy sites considered sacred to both groups. There was a series of battles that overall led to the victory of the Muslims over the Christian Europeans. Today, many images are presented to us that highlight the widespread and bloody massacre between the two groups. In spite of the fact that these images are disturbing to see or imagine, the first thought that comes to my head when thinking of the Crusades and looking at these images is the expansion and rise in popularity of the Christian religion. Yes, although the Christians did not win the war, they succeeded in other ways, like the extension of Christianity into Western Civilizations. This ultimately helped the Roman Catholic Church experience an increase in wealth and also helped the power of the Pope. This conveys an immense amount of messages, but the greatest one I think this conveys is the vigorous fight for a cause that both religions believed in and that even in loss, there is some type of victory. The values this shows are integrity, responsibility, perseverance, and pride. As a Christian, knowing these values were involved in the fight and even today makes me feel even more pride

and love for my religion and its history. With images of contracts and contractual relationships, I still feel the same way regarding feeling that someone is doing what needs to be done. In the images of the Crusades, both groups felt that the battle “needed to be done,” so the same goes for images of contracts and contractual relationships. Information for these images is more disclosed, so just assuming and hoping that these images provide a sense of vigorous fight and hold values of integrity, responsibility, perseverance, and pride is all that matters.

### Work Cited

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