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### Crusade Contemplations

The Crusades were an interesting period in history. When I personally come to think about the events of the Crusades, I think of the self-righteous greed that truly existed behind the intentions to take over certain areas of the world. The areas that I am of course referring to would be the County of Edessa, the Principality of Antioch, the Country of Tripoli and the Kingdom of Jerusalem. Of course, these Europeans on the surface attempted to emit this cultural frame of righteousness and believing that they were doing God's will. However, upon further understanding it is easy to see how they were simply trying to boost their own economy. They wanted to take advantage of the Indian Ocean and the trade benefits that came with owning parts of East Asia. These warrior elites, being fully aware that their ties to the king meant that they would have access to the land they took over. This of course would only further their greed.