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Crusades

The image in my head when thinking of the word "crusades" portrays figures of men in their armor ready to fight off whoever stands in their way. I see an army of crusaders on their horses with their swords gripped tightly in their hands. I picture a battlefield in preparation. When I think of crusaders I see it as a synonym for warriors. The description as one who would describe a crusader will be somewhere along the lines of a group of men being fearless and mighty.

The messages that seem to be centralized for the term for crusades is that the crusaders had a purpose in their goal. The reason why the image of crusaders is the way I picture it, is because of the unfolding events that took place involving the crusaders. The crusades were a military organized by western european christians and after the military expansions the crusades wanted to put an end on Muslims' expansion. The crusades wanted to reclaim for christianity the Holy Land and to take back the territories that were Christian. This was now going to be a Holy War.

The crusades had a relationship with the muslims by slowing down islamic power. They helped prevent western Europe falling under Muslim sovereignty. Though, when it came to trade, it was extended with the Muslim World like bringing new foods. The crusades

had an impact on the development on western historical literature. The Muslims in the end, were not very happy with the outcomes as Europe asserted itself during the 15th and 19th century forcing the Islamic world to be in a position where they did not want to be known for.