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The crusades are defined as a series of religious wars initiated, supported and sometimes directed by the Latin Church in the medieval period. I haven't previously learned much about this time period in school or even in church but the only thing that really comes to mind is some sort of fighting between ancient empires. I was unaware that the cause of many of these wars are caused based on religious and cultural differences instead of a need to conquer and have power. The crusades are also examples of intercultural warfare meaning conflicts between different cultural frames that don't agree on cultural aspects and regulations of war. There were also conflicts between social groups and hierarchical groups causing civil wars within societies. Some lasting effects of the crusades include increased trade in Europe and increased power to the Roman Catholic Church.