**IMPORTANT. PLEASE READ ALL BEFORE YOU BEGIN:** We are getting ready to become EXPERT DBQ writers. I have created this practice DBQ about the Crusades to get us ready for the real thing. Keep a few things in mind:

1. A thesis statement, in my class, is a one sentence statement that tells me **what you are going to PROVE in your essay**…this means that, although I love and respect you, I don’t care what you *think;* I care what you can *prove*.
2. For each of the documents in this packet you’re going to answer the same 3 questions on your OWN PAPER. These questions are
   1. What’s the document about? What can we learn from it.
   2. Is the document reliable?
   3. Write a mini thesis based on this document alone answering the overall task question (the task is found at the top of the front page). In other words, if you had only this document as evidence to answer the task question what would your thesis be?
3. Important vocab.:
   1. Crusades: c.1095 AD-1291 AD. Holy wars fought over the Holy Land between Christians and Muslims.
   2. Holy Land: Jerusalem
   3. Crusaders: Christian Knights
   4. Qur’an: Muslim holy text
   5. Pope: Head of the Catholic Church

If you want more info on the Crusades look at page 33 of your text. Remember, the text is now online. There is a link to the online textbook on the wiki ([www.twhssturges.wikispaces.com](http://www.twhssturges.wikispaces.com)). If you have any other questions please email me ([csturge@topeka.k12.ks.us](mailto:csturge@topeka.k12.ks.us)).