

The First Crusade



Different Perspectives of the Same Event

Opening Question



As historians, should we pick sides in the conflicts we study? Why or why not?

Primary Sources vs. Secondary Sources



☞ Primary

☞ A source created during the historical period being studied.

☞ Ex.: memoirs, creative works, artifacts

☞ Secondary

☞ A source that interprets, analyzes, or explains primary sources

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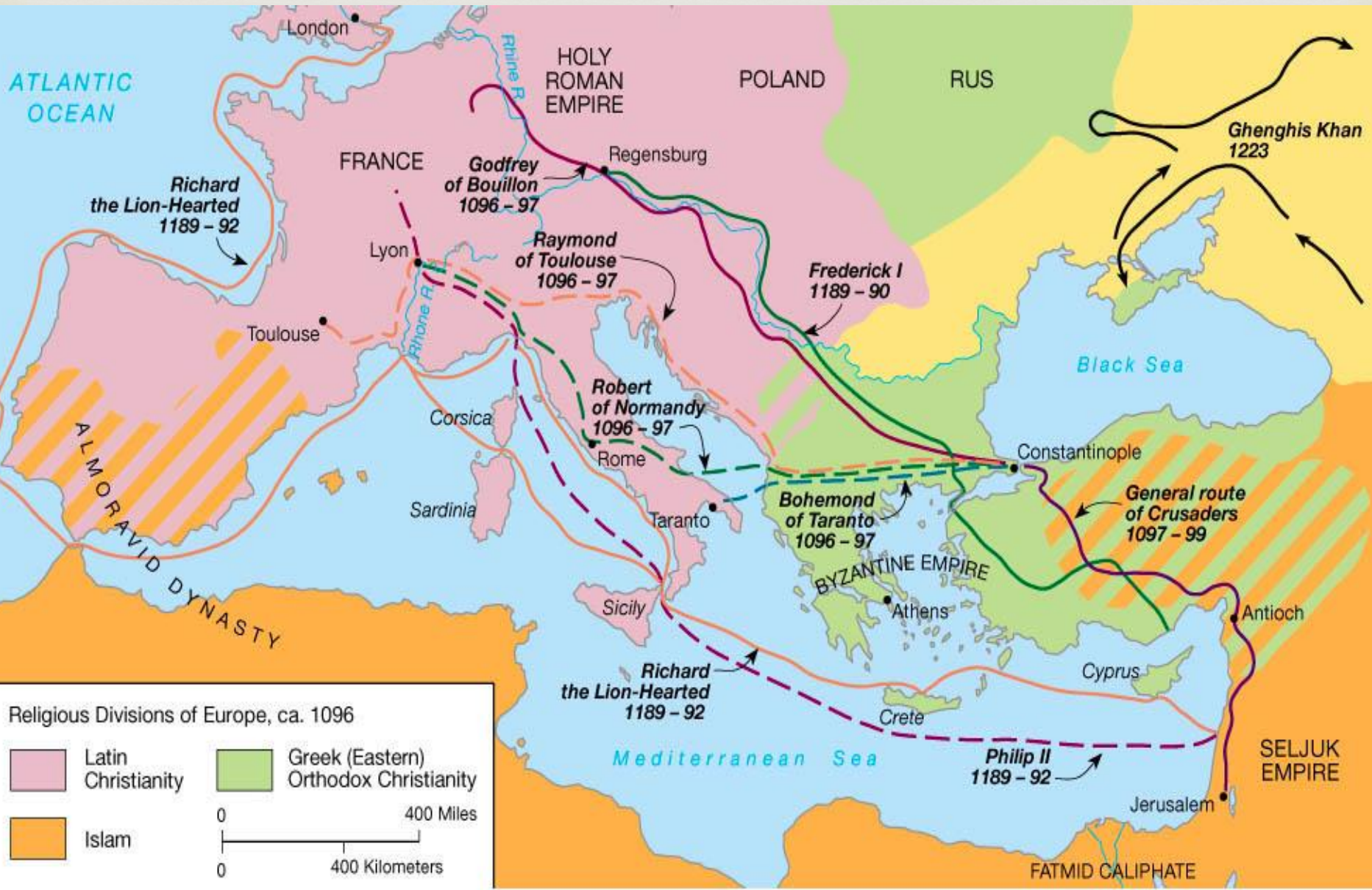


- ❧ Began in 1071 A.D.
- ❧ Byzantine emperor asked for help fighting the Turks
 - ❧ Expected a small group of warriors
- ❧ Pope Urban II issued a call to crusade
- ❧ Thousands of peasants and knights went on crusade




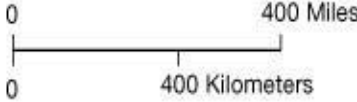


Pope Urban II

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Religious Divisions of Europe, ca. 1096

	Latin Christianity		Greek (Eastern) Orthodox Christianity
	Islam		

The Capture of Jerusalem



- ❧ Crusaders captured Antioch (in Syria) and other cities
- ❧ Laid siege to Jerusalem
- ❧ Conquered the city
 - ❧ Killed many Muslims and Jews
- ❧ Set up European-controlled territories in the Middle East



“The Burning of the Jews”



- 1) Who do you think made this image: Europeans or Arabs?
- 2) What kind of person is shown leading the crusaders?
- 3) How does this image portray the European crusaders?



- 1) How does this image portray Arabs involved in the Crusades?
- 2) Do you think most Arabs would have agreed with their portrayal in this image?

Questions to Answer



- ❧ 1) Who wrote your source? What do you think was his/her purpose in writing it?
- ❧ 2) How does your author feel about the crusaders? What words does he/she use to describe them?
- ❧ 3) How might your author be biased?