

## CLOSE READING : Crusades

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**\*EXPLAIN** YOUR ANSWER IN THE MARGIN

\* learning accommodation #1

write the key word that informed you of the theme in the margin.

\*add any outside information you may already know in the margin.

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1) November 27, 1095. French, German, and Italian noblemen had come to the French cathedral city of Clermont to hear an announcement by Pope Urban II. The crowd was far too large to meet in the cathedral itself, so they gathered in a field outside the city's east gate, despite the November chill. Men pulled their cloaks tightly around them and blew on their hands to keep them warm, hoping that whatever the pope had to say was worth the trip.

2) Urban delivered an unexpected and blistering sermon. Christendom was in danger. The Turks had attacked Constantinople, capital of the Byzantine Empire, which even now trembled in fear. Christianity's holiest shrines were in the hands of the infidel—no, had been defaced by the hands of the infidel. It was no longer safe for Christian pilgrims to travel in the Holy Lands. He ended with a call for men of faith to cease shedding the blood of fellow Christians and to instead take up arms to reclaim the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem from the Turks.

3) For a moment the field was silent, and then a huge cry went up, echoing off the city's walls. "Deus le volt!" ("God wills it!")  
As the last echo quieted, Adhemar, bishop of Le Puy, came forward, knelt at the pontiff's feet, and became the first to "take "