Crusades: The Bridging of the East and West and the End of the Middle Ages

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Five Major Effects of the Crusades

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzXlboiE6hQ
Final assault on Constantinople, May 29, 1453, artist unknown
Franc Shor, “In the Footsteps of the Crusaders”
Europe and the Islamic world at the end of the 11th century
A fruit shop, Rialto market, Venice Myles Birket Foster
Knights Templar Symbols

1. **Sign of Abraxas**: The knights Templar adopted the symbol of Abraxas on certain seals, marking an ancient Greco-Roman symbol.

2. **Garway Gargoyle**: Based on a horned “Gargoyle” serving as a spitter near the Knights’ Templar’s throne in the church of the Knights of the Temple.

3. **Shield Cross**: The shield of faith with which you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one.

4. **New Order of the Ages**: Many suspect that the Order of the Temple survived to secular and lived on in secret society, for whom the eye of Providence was a symbol of illumination.

5. **Consecration Cross**: A cross found within the masons and on the grails of the Knights Templar.

6. **The Two Riders**: The figure and signifying the spiritual essence of the Templars, as well as their dual essence as Warrior Monks.

7. **Blade and Chalice**: According to the medieval poetry of William of Rubruck, the brotherhood who guarded the Grail were the Knights Templar.

8. **Agnus Dei**: The Paschal Lamb was a favoured symbol for the Templars, associated with John the Baptist who said, “Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world.”

9. **Engraved Cross**: One of the symbols with Latin, Gothic, and Templar relics, found at Roslyn Chapel.
Raphael’s
“School of Athens”
Lesson Ideals

- Middle School

- Lesson Plan: East Meets West: Effects of the Crusades - Grade Seven - Grade 07

Source: https://dnet01.ode.state.oh.us/ims.itemdetails/lessondetail.aspx?id=0907f84c805313db
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- High School
  - The Crusades: Voices and Perspectives. Source: University of Michigan
Interactive Map of the First Four Crusades

http://www.historytoday.com/interactive/key-moments-crusades-interactive-map

You can do a lesson where students have to research one of these key moments after looking over it together as a class.