**European Crusades Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[The forgotten Crusades launched against Europe - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/european-crusades-reading/)

1. What were the primary objectives of the Northern Crusades?
2. Who primarily led the Northern Crusades?
3. In which centuries did the Northern Crusades take place?
4. Which regions were the main targets of the Northern Crusades?
5. Who were the Old Prussians?
6. What significant event happened to the Livonian Brothers of the Sword in 1236?
7. Why did Lithuania officially adopt Christianity in the late 14th century?
8. What marked the decline of the Teutonic Knights' power in the region?
9. Who were the primary targets of the Wendish Crusade?
10. What was the main objective of the Wendish Crusade?
11. Who were the main adversaries in the Prussian Crusade?
12. What was the main outcome of the Prussian Crusade by the end of the 13th century?
13. Against whom was the Albigensian Crusade directed?
14. What sparked the Albigensian Crusade?
15. What was the main outcome of the Albigensian Crusade in the Languedoc region?
16. What was the main objective of the Crusade of Varna?
17. Who formed the Christian alliance in the Crusade of Varna?
18. What was the outcome of the Battle of Varna in 1444?
19. What significant event in 1453 was paved by the aftermath of the Crusade of Varna?
20. How did the Crusade of Varna highlight the balance of power in the late medieval period?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*What evidence is there that the crusading movement was not solely against Muslims in the Holy Land?*