

# Pope Urban II's Speech at Clermont

**Directions:** Working as a group in accordance with your group roles, complete each of the tasks below.

- **Task 1:** Read the differing accounts of Pope Urban II's speech and discuss and answer the questions
- **Task 2:** Return to the Causes and Motivations organizer on the back, and, as a group, discuss and record any possible additional causes and motivations for the Crusades in their appropriate categories.
- **Task 3:** As a group, choose two of the four questions below to discuss together as a group. Only after you have discussed the question for several minutes, and every group member has had an opportunity to contribute, may you record your final answer.
- **Task 4:** When all parts are complete, the envoys of each group will be responsible for sharing the conclusions and thoughts of their group with the class. While other groups share, your group should record ideas developed by other groups
- **Task 5:** Complete the self-reflection and analysis.

<p>Which version of the speech do you think is closer to the original? What clues led to this conclusion?</p>	<p>Do you think these accounts of events in the Middle East are accurate? Exaggerated? Explain your reasoning.</p>
<p>To a Western Christian audience at the time, hearing these words, assuming they were spoken by the Pope and believing these events to be taking place, do you think it would be reasonable to conclude that this war was just?</p>	<p>What do you think of the Pope's use of his position to declare war and call on Christians to fight? Would you consider it a fitting and necessary response? An abuse of power? A smart political strategy? Explain.</p>

## Self-Reflection and Analysis

1. How well did you and your group work on this lesson? How well did you follow your roles?
  
2. What did you like/dislike about the format of this lesson? How could it be improved?