

Reading & Discussion Questions – Bauer pp. 648-662, “Urban II’s Speech”

Directions: Please **choose one** of the following prompts and type a 300-word response that fully addresses the question(s) posed, including...

- Text-based evidence from this week’s readings (with citations)
- MLA formatting standards
- Printed document submitted in class on due date
- Submission to Turnitin.com by class time

Option #1: Reflecting on the differing ideas of leadership and power we have seen play out all year, in your opinion, did Urban II’s declaration at Clermont in 1095 have more to do with God’s will or earthly power? In part, defend your answer using Urban’s recorded words.

Option #2: In his sermon, Urban II told the crusaders that God was on their side. After reading the accounts of the battles for Antioch & Jerusalem, what was it that ultimately motivated the crusaders? Your answer should include a detailed analysis of both battles.

Option #3: Was Pope Urban II justified in calling for the Crusades? Biblically, are we, as Christians, called to purge the land of paganism and/or evangelize through force of arms? Support your answer with historical evidence from this week’s texts and the Bible.