1147-1149 The 2nd Crusade

\* First crusade won because enemy was disorganized

\* 1146 city of Edessa taken by turks

\* shocked western civilization

\* entire pop. of Eddessa slaughtered

\* Holy land held by infidels

\* Bishop Hugh of Jerusalem wanted another crusade

\* Job of recruiting delagated to Bernard of Clairvaux

o 56 years old

o powerful and popular leader of the crusades

\* two monarchs

o King Louis VII of France

o Conrad III of Germany

\* took up cross of the crusades

o it took time for Bernard to convince Conrad but finally he joined

\* the second crusade had a favorable beginning

\* had an unhappy ending

\* only a few 1000 escaped

\* Louis VII., king of France, was led to undertake the crusade through remorse for an act of great cruelty that he had perpetrated upon some of his revolted subjects. http://www.middle-ages.org.uk/the-second-crusade.htm

\* The strength of both the French and the German division of the expedition was wasted in Asia Minor, and the crusade accomplished nothing.

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