

## Crusades

I must write a composition on the crusades  
showing the design with which they were  
undertaken, the goal with which all the  
Christian princes engaged in them & the  
good effect it produced in Europe by bringing  
the military art to perfection, polishing  
the manners of the people & destroying  
a great measure the feudal system. The  
last was one of the greatest blessings it  
conferred upon the civilized world. —  
The historical part of these crusades may  
be found in an abridged form in  
Lectures<sup>1</sup> History