

## A Crusade to Grimfells A&S Competition: Additional Information

Here are a few more details concerning the competition.

**Dates:** 1095-1291 is considered the “official” dates for the Crusade. However, the competition is not limited to these dates. Conceivably, an object made in 1050 could have been carried or looted by a Crusader. Also, with regards to depictions, the Crusades remained a favorite subject throughout later period. So a depiction of the Crusades in a fifteenth century style is acceptable.

### Examples:

A fifteenth century mug without reference to the Crusades: Unacceptable

A fifteenth century mug with a picture of a Crusader: Acceptable

A sixteenth century illumination depicting the Hundred Years War: Unacceptable

A sixteenth century illumination depicting the Crusades: Acceptable

### Possibilities:

The legend of Prester John dates from the mid-twelfth century. In the thirteenth century Crusaders hoped to find him and form an alliance against the Muslims.

The Fourth Crusade ended with the looting of Constantinople.

The objective of the Fifth Crusade was to seize the city of Damietta in Egypt with the idea of ransoming it for Jerusalem.

It was believed that emeralds originated in Syria. They were guarded by griffins who constantly battled the Arimaspi, one-eyed giants who would steal the emeralds.

### Children’s Competition:

This is an open competition and the entry does not have to be a “Crusades” item. However, extra points will be awarded for something having to do with the Crusades.



Blemmyae (Prester John)

Monopod (Prester John)