

The Beginning of the End of the First Crusade

The Movement Splits: Edessa

1. Why did Baldwin decide to split off and go to Edessa? How does his attack on Edessa challenge the traditional narrative of the Crusades?

Dueling Perspectives: The Siege of Antioch

The accounts of Ibn Al-Athir and the Frank in are somewhat similar in their accounts, yet they also differ slightly. How so?

Similarity in Account of Siege	Difference in Account of Siege

1. What explains this difference? Why do they say different things about the same event?
2. If you were a historian trying to determine what happened at Antioch, what source would you most likely trust and why? How could you try to determine what happened?

Dire Straits at Antioch

3. What was the significance of the story of the Holy Lance?
4. Why do some historians refer to this as an early form of propaganda?

Each [account of the Siege of Jerusalem](#) focuses on a particular event during the battle. What does each source reveal about the battle? Why do you think each source focuses on this particular event? What might be the purpose behind their writing?

Source	What Happened? On what event(s) does this source focus?	Credibility? How might a historian evaluate this account for historical use?
<i>Hamza ibn Asad ibn al-Qalanisi</i>		
William of Tyre		
Ibn al-Athir		
Fulcher of Chartres		

[Michael Kohler on the First Crusade](#)

1. What does Kohler argue about the Crusade and the different “factions” or groups that participated?
2. What evidence does he provide to back his claims about these Crusaders?