

Denmark and the Crusades Worksheet

Chronicle description of Absalon

1. What is the point of this medium (chronicle)? _____

2. What type of figure is this/What status is this person (peasant, knight, ruler, clergy, etc.)? _____

3. What elements are portrayed as important to these people based on this description? _____

4. What can you say about some key words in the first sentence that might identify him and what they say about his status or character. Mainly “parent”, “pontiff”, “soldiering”, and “priesthood”. _____

Epitaphs of a Saint and a King

1. What is the point of this medium (the epitaph)? _____

2. How is this different than, say, a chronicle? A song? _____

3. What chronological order should they be in and why? _____

4. What differences do you spot? _____

5. What could these differences mean and why would they be added or removed? ____

6. Is there anything that stands out as “Crusader-like”? _____

7. Could there be another explanation for these? _____

8. Why would they want anything Crusader-like on their epitaphs? _____

9. Why would anyone want to be remembered as a crusader? _____
