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History

Advanced Subsidiary

Paper 1: Breadth study with interpretations

Option 1A: The crusades, c1095-1204

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Extracts for use with Section C.

Extract 1: From Karen Armstrong, *Holy War: The Crusades and Their Impact on Today's World*, published 1988.

Innocent was not happy about this arrangement*, which let the entirely secular** and materialistic Venetians play such a key role in the Crusade, and he deeply distrusted Dandolo. He was quite right to do so: Dandolo had no intention of fighting any Muslims because this would ruin his profitable markets in the East. At the very time Dandolo was making his treaty with the 5 Crusaders, his agents had been making another treaty with the Sultan al-Adil, who had not retained his brother's enthusiasm for the jihad and preferred a profitable peace with the Christians. Dandolo promised the Sultan that he would not countenance any attack on Cairo: he hoped to use the Crusade for his own nefarious*** purposes. An opportunity soon presented itself. By June 10 1202 the Crusaders had assembled in Venice, but unfortunately only half the number they had expected had taken the Cross and only two thirds of the money they owed Dandolo had been collected. When Dandolo found that they could not pay him in full, he took control.

*this arrangement – the terms of the Treaty of Venice

**secular - non-religious

***nefarious - crooked

Extract 2: From John H. Pryor, *The Venetian fleet for the Fourth Crusade and the diversion of the crusade to Constantinople*, published 2003.

The 'diversion' of the Fourth Crusade to Constantinople was not planned from the beginning by Enrico Dandolo and the Venetians. The evidence gained from studying the fleet that the Venetians assembled shows that they were committed to sailing to Egypt from the start. The fleet that the Venetians built was designed for beach landings in Egypt and not to attack the harbour of Constantinople.

Another neglected theme has been the contribution of Venice to the crusading movement as a whole. Venice was a splendid Christian city with magnificent churches and not just a trading port. On numerous occasions since the First Crusade Venice played a decisive role in transporting troops and supplies, besieging ports and confronting Muslim ships. Why should Enrico Dandolo not have shared Venice's dedication to the cause of crusade? Personal greed cannot explain it. The profits for Venice from the conquest of Egypt would be astronomical. The entire spice trade with Europe would have fallen into Venice's hands.

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