Colonial expansion and the First Crusade

I. expansion on the frontiers
   Reconquista
   Norman conquests in the Mediterranean
      [background: the Normans: Robert Guiscard, Bohemond

II. Mediterranean politics c. 1170
   Islamic lands c. 1100: deep divisions
      Abbasids
      Fatimids
      Seljuk Turks-fragmentaion in 1090s

   Byzantine Empire
   Battle of Manzikert 1071
      1090s: Emperor Alexius asks Urban II for military help

III. The launching of the crusade
   Background: idea of just war
      pilgrimage to Jerusalem

   Urban II at Clermont: an armed pilgrimage
      Princely Crusade: who went?
      The Popular Crusades: motives
         Peter the Hermit (millenarian expectations)
         Walter Sans-avoir
      Attacks on Jewish communities;
         Jewish responses: hasidim

IV. How did they make out?
   Popular crusades-Nicaea October 1096
   Princely crusade
   Siege of Antioch
   Holy Lance
   Jerusalem 15 July 1097
   Estab of Crusader states

V. Muslim reconquest
   Saladin: battle of Hattin and reconquest of Jerusalem (1187)

VI. Third Crusade (1190), Fourth Crusade (1204)

VII. Idea of Crusading
   Albigenisan Crusade 1209