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high point but Innocent III is a pontiff who ruled with a power such as has hardly been equalled by any other pope before or since. His word was respected throughout the world. He was able, for instance to place England under an interdict and John, the King of England, was reduced to nothingness. John sent word to him that he would surrender his whole kingdom to him, and receive it back as a vassal and subsequent popes during the next few centuries claimed that they were overlords of England because John had surrendered to Innocent III. When John was forced by his nobles to grant the Magna Carta, Innocent III declared that it was null and void. He exerted influence all over Europe, a tremendous influence. He was the most powerful, probably, of all the popes.

Now E, the Crusades. (Student) Canossa. C a n o s s a. Now, the Crusade—E. The Crusades make one of the most colorful episodes in all of Christian history, but as far as its relation to us today is concerned, it is not of any particularly great importance. It would be very interesting to go through the history of the crusades in full but there are many things that would be far more valuable for us and so I am only going to take just a few minutes to mention how they fit in at this point. 1096-1270, is the general date for the crusades. The word crusade, of course, means "the war on behalf of the cross". In its strictest sense it meant a war carried on by the nations of Western Europe in order to reclaim the Holy Land from the infidel Turks.

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The Arabs had treated the Christians very decently and the patriarchies had been able to continue in Arab territory and the Christians had had access to the sacred places without difficulty, but the Turks had begun to come in to the Arab world and had gotten control, the Celtic Turks, and these Turks now began to mistreat some of the pilgrims and to make it very dangerous for them if they strayed away from the large groups of pilgrims and in the Holy Land pilgrims began to return to tell of the way they were being treated by the Turks and some of them began to preach all through Europe in most impassioned language the terrible