



THE BUBONIC PLAGUE

ONLINE
INTRODUCTION



Main Idea:

The Bubonic, or Black, Plague was a catastrophic event that seriously impacted Europe during the Middle Ages and led to the decline of feudalism. Today, as an introduction to the Black Plague, you will be viewing many different types of resources to gain an overview of what the Black Plague was; how and where it spread; and what the effects of it were for Europe.

Directions:

First, get an answer packet from Mr. Saska: this is where you will record all your answers. Click on each link below, and then answer the following questions in your answer packet.

[Source 1: Black Plague Painting](#)

1. Based on the picture, predict two consequences of the Plague for Europe.

[Source 2: Black Death Picture](#)

2. Based on this picture, what was one of the most visible symptoms of the Plague?

[Source 3: Spread of the Black Death: Interactive Map](#)

3. What was the date (month and year) that the Plague first entered Europe?
4. Where did the Plague first enter Europe?
5. What happened from December 1347 to December 1348? Write at least two observations you can make based on the map.
6. Over what major geographic feature did the Plague manage to cross between December 1348 and June 1349? How did this happen?
7. What group of people was blamed for the Plague in Germany?
8. Describe the areas spared by the Plague. Why do you think this occurred?

[Source 4: The Black Death: Symptoms](#)

9. What were three forms of the Black Death?

10. List and explain three signs that a person was infected with the Black Death.
11. List and explain at least two ways that people reacted to the Plague spreading.
12. Read the section titled: “The Breakdown of Social Order” OR the section titled “Mass Burials”. Explain, in five sentences or less, what this person is revealing about the Plague.

[Source 5: The Plague Doctor](#)

13. View this short video on the Plague Doctor. Then, use the image on your answer sheet to circle at least three parts of the doctor’s outfit and explain their purposes.

[Source 6: Primary Source: Excerpts from the Diary of Samuel Pepys](#)

For easy searching of the diary, click on “The Diary” and then “Archives”. The plague hit London, where Mr. Pepys lived, in 1665.

14. Look carefully at all the diary entries. Choose ONE which tells you the town was almost deserted. State the date and quote a phrase or sentence which supports your choice. Remember, the plague spread to London in 1665.
15. What evidence is there that the plague is **increasing** between July 30th and August 16th of 1665?

Post Research Questions: Answer the four Post Research Questions found in your answer packet. There is not one single source that have the answers; rather, the answers are found in a combination of sources from today.

If you finish early, take some time to review what you’ve learned by playing this game:

[Review Game](#)

Optional Video Clips to Watch:

[Black Death Extinction](#)

[Plague](#)