

The Doctor

Viewing Guide

Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper as you watch the film. You do not need to write in complete sentences.

1. Describe a typical medieval doctor and his responsibilities.
2. What were the humors and why were they important according to medieval doctors?
3. How did doctors restore the balance of the humors?
4. Who were the medieval barbers, and what important role did they play in medieval society?
5. What were pilgrimages, and what did they have to do with healing?
6. What was the connection between penance and pilgrimages?
7. Describe the typical medieval folk healer.
8. Why were medieval cities prime locations for disease?
9. What was the Black Death? What were the symptoms?
10. Describe how the plague spread throughout Europe.
11. Why did medieval doctors wear masks when they treated their patients with the plague?
12. What do scientists think caused the Black Death?
13. Describe the hospitals of the Middle Ages.

Critical Thinking Questions: After the film is complete, choose ONE of the following questions and answer in a short paragraph.

- A. Compare the medical practices of the Middle Ages with modern medicine. Do you feel they are more similar or more different? Why?
- B. Compare the training and techniques of the medieval doctor, barber and folk healer. Which medical practitioner would you have sought out if you had become ill during the Middle Ages? Be sure to justify your choice.