

The Middle Ages: The Black Death



What was the Black Death and what effects did it have on the people of Europe?

What was the Black Death?

The Black Death was a deadly _____ that began in Asia and spread through trade routes infecting parts of Asia, the Muslim World and Europe

- Also known as the _____
- First arrived in Europe in _____ on a Genoese merchant ship
- The black death got its name because of the purplish or _____ spots it produced on the skin

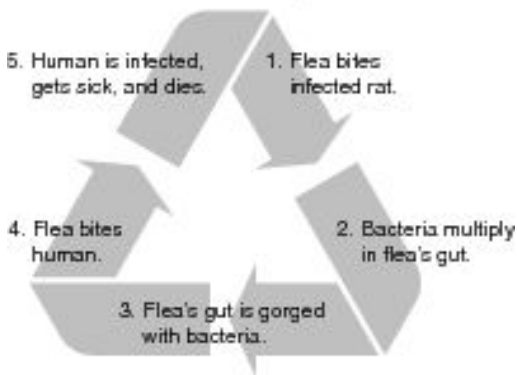


Geography Skillbuilder: Use the map on pg. 400 to answer the following question

1. Where did the plague begin?

Causes: What caused the Black Death?

The Cycle of the Black Plague



- Black rats carried fleas that were infested with a bacillus called _____
- The disease also traveled from person to person _____, or through the air
- Unsanitary conditions and lack of medical knowledge caused the plague to _____ with incredible speed
- Medieval people threw their _____ and _____ into the streets which became a breeding ground for more rats
- Physicians relied on crude and unsophisticated techniques such as _____ and boil-lancing

Connect to Today: Complete the questions below.

1. What changes have been made over time that prevent the rapid spread of diseases today?
2. What factors contribute to the spread of disease in modern society?

Symptoms

- Painful swellings called _____ in the lymph nodes, particularly those in the armpits and groin
- Purplish or blackish _____ on the skin
- Extremely high fever, chills, _____, and in most cases death



Ring Around the Rosie: Explain the meaning of each line after watching the video.

Ring Around the Rosie=

Pocket full of Posies=

A-tishoo A-tishoo=

We all fall down=

Effects: What were the effects of the Black Death?

- Town populations _____
- Trade _____ and prices rose
- The Church suffered a loss of _____ when its prayers failed to stop the onslaught of the plague and priests abandoned their duties
- Jews were _____ for bringing on the plague
- All over Europe, _____ were driven from their homes or, worse, massacred

Primary Source Analysis: Read the excerpt from the *Plague in Siena* and answer the following questions

1. How did those not infected with the plague interact with those who were infected?

2. What was done with the bodies of the dead? Was the burial process a religious proceeding?



Complete the constructive response question:

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