



## What was the Black Death?

1	What were the symptoms of the Black Death?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Painful buboes appeared in the armpit or groin</li> <li>2. Vomiting and fever</li> <li>3. Bleeding under the skin caused dark splotches on the body</li> <li>4. The disease attacked the nervous system</li> <li>5. Death</li> </ol>
2	What caused the Black Death?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It was spread by fleas living on rats that were moving through Europe on merchant ships</li> </ol>
3	What did Medieval people think caused the Black Death?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God sent it as a punishment for sin</li> <li>2. Bad air (called miasma) caused the disease</li> <li>3. The bad alignment of the stars (astrology)</li> </ol>

## Treating the Black Death

1	Where could people go for treatment?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. People could visit barber surgeons – but they had little training</li> <li>2. They could visit wise women – they had some herbal knowledge but mixed this with magical practices</li> <li>3. They could visit a priest for forgiveness</li> </ol>
2	What treatments did people try?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The most common treatment was prayer</li> <li>2. Drinking vinegar</li> <li>3. Bleeding to balance the four humours</li> <li>4. Sweating out the illness</li> <li>5. Eating old treacle</li> </ol>
3	What extreme treatments did people try?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Some highly religious people whipped themselves to punish themselves.</li> <li>2. As God sent the disease, if they showed they were sorry then God would forgive them</li> </ol>

## How did the Black Death spread?

1	What were the Silk Roads?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Silk Roads were trade routes from China and the Middle East</li> <li>2. The Black Death began in China and merchants spread it to countries along the Silk Roads as they travelled through them</li> </ol>
2	How did the Black Death arrive in Europe?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Mongol army used diseased dead bodies as weapons at the siege of Kaffa in 1346.</li> <li>2. Italian sailors fled from the siege and brought the disease back to Italy.</li> </ol>
3	How did the Black Death affect Yorkshire?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Black Death arrived in Yorkshire in 1349.</li> <li>2. York was badly affected and almost 10,000 people died.</li> <li>3. Wharfedale in North Yorkshire was abandoned as a result of the Black Death.</li> </ol>

## Consequences of the Black Death

1	Social	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 1/3 of the English &amp; Welsh population died</li> <li>2. It took 250 years for the population to recover</li> </ol>
2	Political	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Peasants started to challenge authority as they believed God had spared them</li> </ol>
3	Economic	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With fewer workers, they could demand higher wages</li> <li>2. Women had more job opportunities</li> </ol>
4	Religious	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. People started to lose faith in the Catholic church and new religious groups appeared</li> </ol>

Key Word	Definitions
<b>Apothecary</b>	Someone who creates medicines from herbs and spices to sell
<b>Barber Surgeon</b>	A barber who would offer some medical treatment medieval
<b>Buboe</b>	Painful black swellings that were about the size of an egg. One of the symptoms of the Black Death.
<b>Bubonic Plague</b>	The official name for the Black Death
<b>Clergy</b>	People who are part of the Catholic church e.g. a bishop
<b>Flagellant</b>	Someone who whipped themselves to punish themselves for sin
<b>Four Humours</b>	In the Middle Ages they believed your body was made up for four liquids that needed to be in balance for you to be healthy
<b>Miasma</b>	Bad air – medieval people thought it caused disease
<b>Physician</b>	Type of doctor who studied at university and cost money to see
<b>Pneumonic Plague</b>	The official name for when the Black Death became air-borne
<b>Revolt</b>	When a group rebel against their leader
<b>Silk Roads</b>	Trade routes from China and the Middle East
<b>Wise Woman</b>	A woman who provided healthcare for people in her village for free.