



History

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The Black Death

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What is the Black Death?

The outbreak of the Black Death in the 14th century decimated populations across Europe, Asia and Africa. This programme looks at: the symptoms of the disease, how it was caused and transmitted, and the role poor living conditions and a lack of medical knowledge played in its fast and far reaching spread. Prevailing and sometimes bizarre beliefs about its causes and cures are discussed in this stylised and at times gruesome presentation which is sure to capture viewer attention.



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Additional resources

- Comprehension Questions - Advanced
- Comprehension Questions - Basic
- Create a Poster
- Diagram of Symptoms
- Disease Transmission Flowchart
- Strange Causes and Cures Table
- Suggested Student Responses
- Transcript of the Programme

Impact of the Black Death

As well as a high mortality rate, the Black Death affected many aspects of society. This programme examines its impact on: religion, feudalism, farming, urban life, the arts, and minorities in Europe; the economic and political consequences of the disease in Asia; and the socio-economic impacts in North Africa and the Middle East. Filled with unique examples, this is an informative and accessible look at the far reaching effects of the Black Death.



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Additional resources

- Comprehension Questions - Advanced
- Comprehension Questions - Basic
- Analysing Sources of Evidence
- Cause and Effect Table
- Writing a Personal Account
- Suggested Student Responses
- Transcript of the Programme

Spread of the Black Death

This programme takes a detailed look at the spread of the Black Death in the 14th century. From its theorised origins in Asia, we trace its movement along the famous Silk Road trade route to Europe. This 'golden age of trade' provided the ideal conditions for the rapid transmission of the disease via caravans and ships, while attempts to escape it only further contributed to its expansion. Excellent maps and graphics will help audiences to follow this relentless and pervasive epidemic along its devastating journey.



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Additional resources

- Map the Spread
- Researching Epidemics
- Timelines
- Suggested Student Responses
- Transcript of the Programme

Behind the Scenes

Filming of The Black Death series required a specialised prosthetic make-up artist. The artist researched historical and medical sources on the plague's symptoms and appearance to bring to life the horror and devastation of this sweeping epidemic.

