

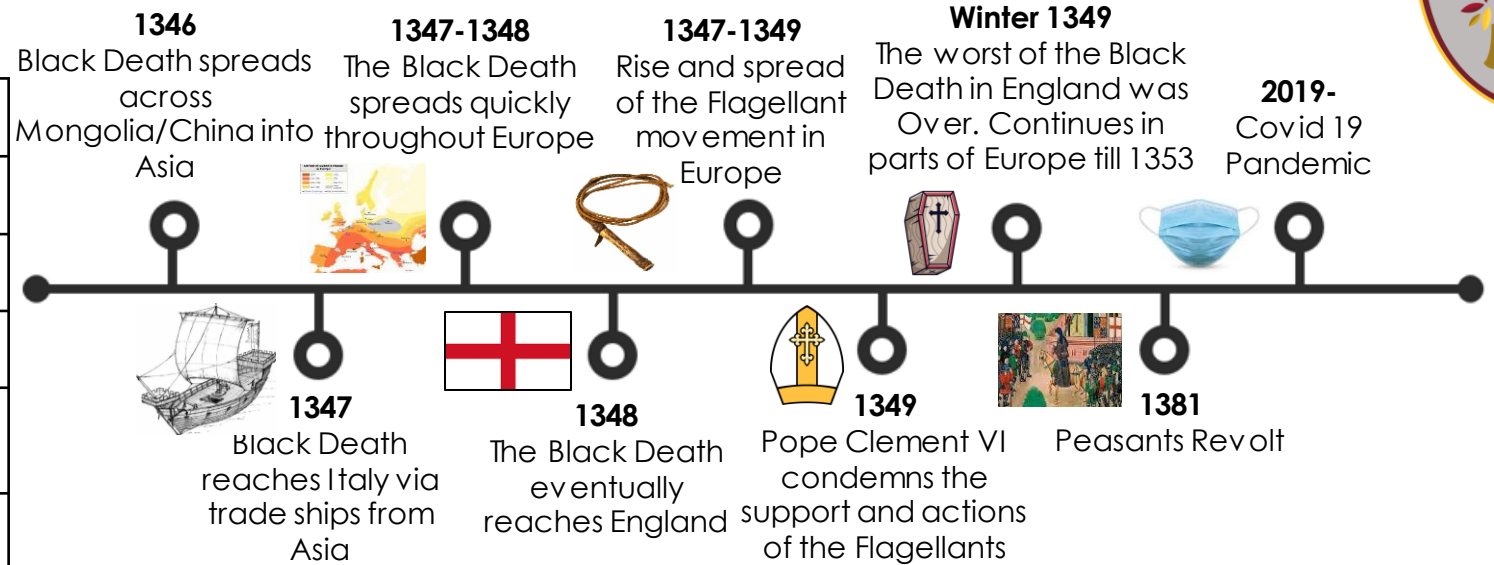
Year 7 - History - The Black Death



Key Vocabulary

Plague	Infectious disease caused by bacteria. Often spread between animals and humans by fleas.
Bubonic Plague	Most common form of plague. Sufferer will develop painful lumps known as 'buboes'.
Pneumonic Plague	So called as the plague spreads to the Lungs, limiting the ability for the sufferer to breathe.
Symptoms	Physical or mental feature/sign showing that someone is ill.
Buboes	Swollen or infected lump that appears on the sufferer's neck, armpit or groin. A symptom of the 'Bubonic' Plague.
Spasm	Sudden and uncontrollable movement of muscles in the body. Muscles can become very tight and painful.
Miasma	Diseases could be spread and caught via bad smelling air.
Cures	A method or treatment that relieves, stops or fights a disease.
Flagellant	A person who flogs, whips themselves as act of self-punishment to please God, as a way of ending the Black Death.
Hierarchy/Hierarchal	A way of organising people. The higher someone is in society or in their workplace, the more power and influence they will have.
Feudal System	A system of organising society in Medieval England from 11th Century. The system was based on Hierarchy. People towards the bottom of social order were given land to work (farming) and protection from those above, but in return must swear loyalty to their Lord.
Peasant (Serf)/Villein	The lowest rank in medieval society. They were the poorest people in society who worked on the land for a Lord. Their lives were difficult and ruled by their Lord e.g they had to ask their Lords permission to marry.

Timeline of key events



Core knowledge

- Plagues have occurred throughout History. The Black Death origins begin in Mongolia/China in 1347.
- The Black Death spreads across Asia and eventually arrives in Europe in 1347. Trade ships from Asia brought the Plague to Italy, before it spread rapidly across the rest of Europe.
- The Black Death spreads to England in 1348, again most likely via trade ships arriving from infected European countries to English ports.
- There were two types of plague; Bubonic and Pneumonic plague. Sufferers with the Black Death would have standard symptoms such as headaches, fever and muscle spasms. However, those with Bubonic Plague would develop painful, swollen buboes. Whereas those suffering from Pneumonic plague would struggle to breathe as their lungs were infected.
- Most people in Medieval England lived in smaller villages with a focus on farming, growing and then harvesting crops. Those people that lived in towns had more freedom to trade goods and make money at regular markets.
- As scientific knowledge was very limited at the time, there were a wide range of ideas that people at the time believed caused the Black Death e.g God's Punishment, Miasma. As a result, there were some strange and weird cures, such as People Whipping themselves, smelling flowers etc.
- Medieval society was based on the hierarchal Feudal System, whereby the higher in the social structure the more power, influence and wealth the individual would have.
- There were several consequences of the Black Death, with the most significant being around 50% of the population in England and Europe died.

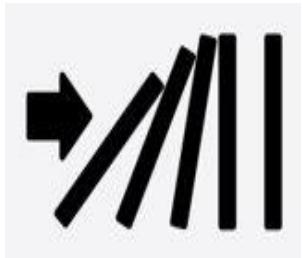
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Key Skills



Chronology



Cause and Consequence



Significance

Curriculum concepts



Power



War

Taking it Further



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Overview of the Black Death. [CLICK HERE](#)

Learning Checklist

- I can accurately recall the chronology of the rise and spread of the Black Death
- I can describe the difference between Bubonic and Pneumonic Plague
- I can recall and describe the symptoms of the Black Death
- I can describe/explain the Feudal System and explain the differences between a medieval village and town
- I can describe and explain several causes and cures of the Black Death by people at the time. Matching cures to causes.
- I can identify the consequences of the Black Death and explain their significance.
- I can make comparisons between the Black Death and Covid 19.