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Creating a Medieval Survival Guide for the Black Death



Introduction:

The Black Death killed over one third of the population in Europe in the 1300's. It was deadly and everyone was afraid of catching it. This activity will teach you about what the plague was, what it did, how it was caught, how it was treated, and how it impacted the world.

Task:

With a partner you will be creating a "Survival Guide" for a person traveling to Europe in the Middle Ages...because this person will most definitely encounter the horrible plague that ravaged Europe, also known as "The Black Death." Your Survival Guide will include information about the Black Death as a disease, its causes, cures and how it spreads. Be sure to include as much information as possible, because you could potentially save someone's life!

Your Survival Guide Must Contain The Following Components

1. How did the plague arrive in Europe?

- Where did the bubonic plague originate?
- How did the plague enter Western Europe?
- What areas of Western Europe would be most affected (rural or urban)? Explain.



2. How do you know if you had the Black Death?

- Explain symptoms in the early and late stages of the Black Death.



3. How can you protect yourself from the Black Death?

- Explain how people protected themselves from it in the Middle Ages? Did it work?

4. How can you treat the Black Death if you have it?

- Explain the treatment methods used in the Middle Ages.



5. Map

This map should show how the plague spread and the areas of Europe that were affected in the 1300's. Also possibly include areas the person using your guide should avoid!

6. If You Survive - How will life be different in Europe? Through these questions, explain how life will change for that person if they survive.

- Identify and explain how the plague affected life for people during this time period (population, classes, etc)?
- Identify and explain how the plague affected the growth of towns and cities?
- Identify and explain how the plague affected the economy of Europe (jobs, money, resources, etc.)?

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