



- 1) Come in quietly and turn to the back page / back cover of your books
- 2) Answer this Brains in Gear challenge:

These are the **symptoms** of the **Black Death**. Put them in order of which happens first:

The victim dies

Victim coughs and vomits blood

Dark bruises appear under skin

The buboes burst with black liquid

WAC TIP:

Buboes – Black lumps that have swelled up on your skin

Fierce swellings on groin / armpit

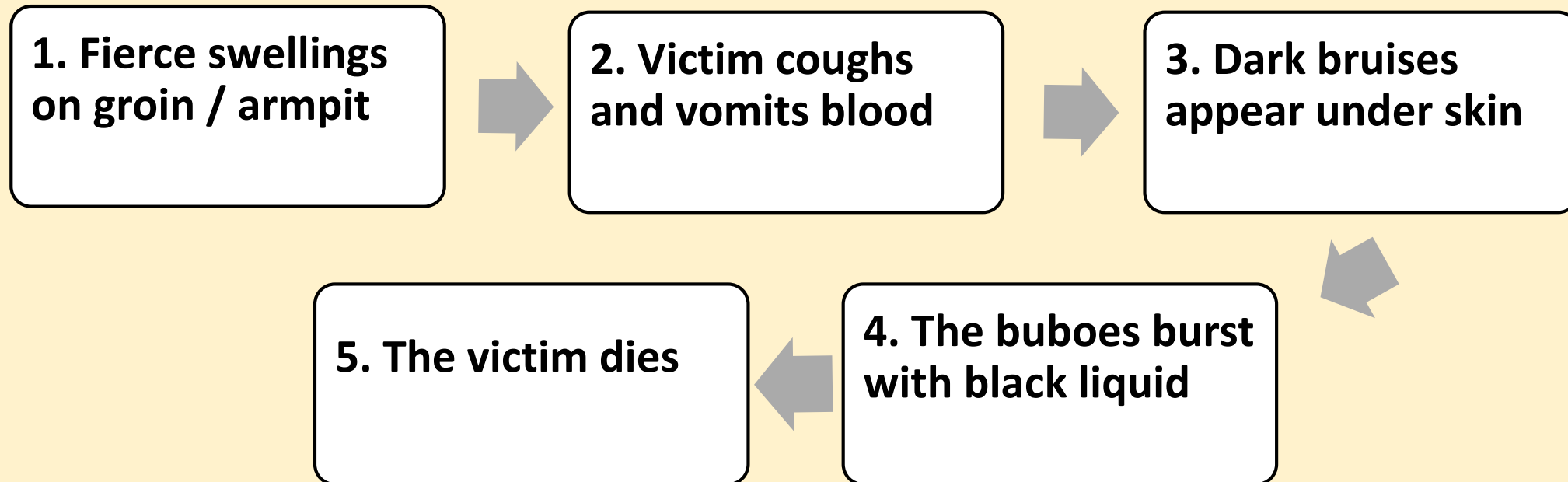
CHALLENGE: What would the worst part of getting the Black Death be?

Title: What caused the Black Death?

WAC:

Buboes – Black lumps that have swelled up on your skin

Copy these into your book in the correct order:



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Fundamental British Values:
Mutual Respect and Tolerance

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Today's Title:

Causes and cures: how
did medieval people cope
with the Black Death?

Previous lesson:

The Black Death

This lesson:

Causes and Cures of the
Black Death

Next lesson:

Revision Lesson

What are the
most
dangerous
illnesses/diseases of the
21st century?

Learning Outcomes:

- Examine** the causes and cures of the Black Death.
- Assess** the success of Black Death cures.

Key Words:

Harvest = When crops are collected in from the fields, usually in autumn

Global Trade = The system of buying and selling goods between different countries.

Silent Starter

Everybody stand up and close your eyes.

If I touch your shoulder, sit down quietly and put
your head on the desk.

Silent Starter

The Black Death killed **2-3 million** people in England.

The population of England was **6 million**.

What percentage of people died?

Sort these causes into two groups

the movements of the planets
poor medical knowledge
rats carrying fleas
a punishment from God
bad harvests
evil magic
bad smells and corrupt air
large global trade
poor public health
enemies had poisoned the wells



WAC:

Harvests – When you pick all your plants and vegetables.

Corrupt – Poisoned

Global Trade – Buying and selling goods with other countries



Extension:

Which would be the biggest reason the Black Death spread?

Answers:

What actually caused the Black Death

What people at the time thought caused the Black Death

Extension: Based on the **perceived causes**, what do you think people did to try and cure the Black Death?



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Extension: Based on the **perceived causes**, what do you think people did to try and cure the Black Death?



Rally Robin

How many of the causes can you remember?

Student A starts: say **one** cause

Student B next: say a **different** cause

Keep going until you can't remember or you get them all!

Challenge:

One student says REAL causes, the other student says PERCEIVED causes



Complete this table with the key information on the sheets around the room.

Rats	Poor Medical Knowledge	Global Trade	Bad harvests	Poor public health

Challenge: Rank 1-6 in order of the most significant cause of the black death. Explain your number 1 choice in your book.



Poor medical knowledge

Medieval doctors did not understand disease, and had limited ability to prevent or cure it.

Common cures were bloodletting, praying and herbs and spices.

So, when the plague came, doctors were powerless to stop it.



Poor public health

Medieval towns had no system of drains, sewers or rubbish collections.

The towns were absolutely filthy and full of all kinds of germs and disease.

In such dirty conditions, rats lived and were able to move around easily.



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Bad Harvests

After 1300, there was climate change and harvests failed, leaving thousands of English people without food. Also, during the Hundred Years' War armies used a tactic called '*chevauchée*' where soldiers roamed around destroying houses and crops.

It is possible that, when the plague hit, people were not as healthy and strong as they had been.



Global Trade

By the later Middle Ages, merchants were trading world-wide. One route took silk and spices from China to Baghdad, and from there to the Crimea in the Black Sea, where the goods were bought by Italian merchants for sale all over Europe.

Many historians believe that the plague originated in China, and followed the trade routes.



Rats

Most historians believe that the Black Death was caused by strains of the bubonic plague.

The plague lived in fleas which lived on black rats. They gave the disease to the rats. When the rats died, the fleas hopped off onto humans.



How did people **cure** the Black Death?

How many **modern** cures can you think of?

List the cures you can see.

Describe the cures and how they are used.

Explain the best methods of curing used in modern medicine.



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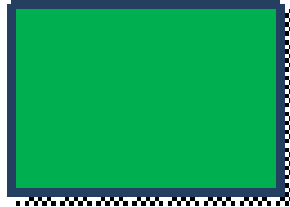
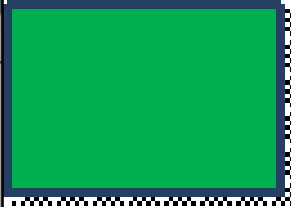
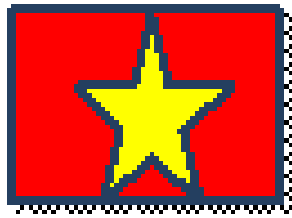
Eating crushed rocks and
minerals.



Fumigating (cleansing)
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Pray to God and ask him
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Death?

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Your Task:

Make a DIAMOND
NINE chart to show
which of these
would have been
the **most effective**
in treating the Black
Death... you may
need to think about
which would have
done the least
harm!

CHALLENGE:
Explain your
number 1 and
number 9 choice in
a small paragraph.



“Help! Doctor! My name is John and this morning I woke up to find I’ve got the Black Death. I really need you to help me find a cure so I can get better and look after my family!”

You must include:

- **Information about symptoms and cures**

- **An explanation of what cure was effective and why, plus symptoms of the disease.**

- **Assessment of what cures were effective and why including symptoms and why it was severe**

- **Challenge: Include key terms such as Yersinia pestis, 1348, China, ships, epidemic**

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They need you to write a **report and recommend** a cure for their symptoms and quick!



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You must include:

“Oh dear, you definitely have the plague! I can see you have the plague because you have symptoms like...

You’ve probably got the plague because...

To cure this, you need to...

You could also...”

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You are a medieval doctor and your patient is suffering from the Black Death!

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“Poor public health was the main cause of the Black Death.”
How far do you agree? (18 marks)

Write a paragraph that either agrees or disagrees with this statement.

“I agree / disagree with this statement because...”

TIP:

Include at 2-3 different reasons why you would agree / disagree.

“This clearly shows it was / was not the main cause because...”