

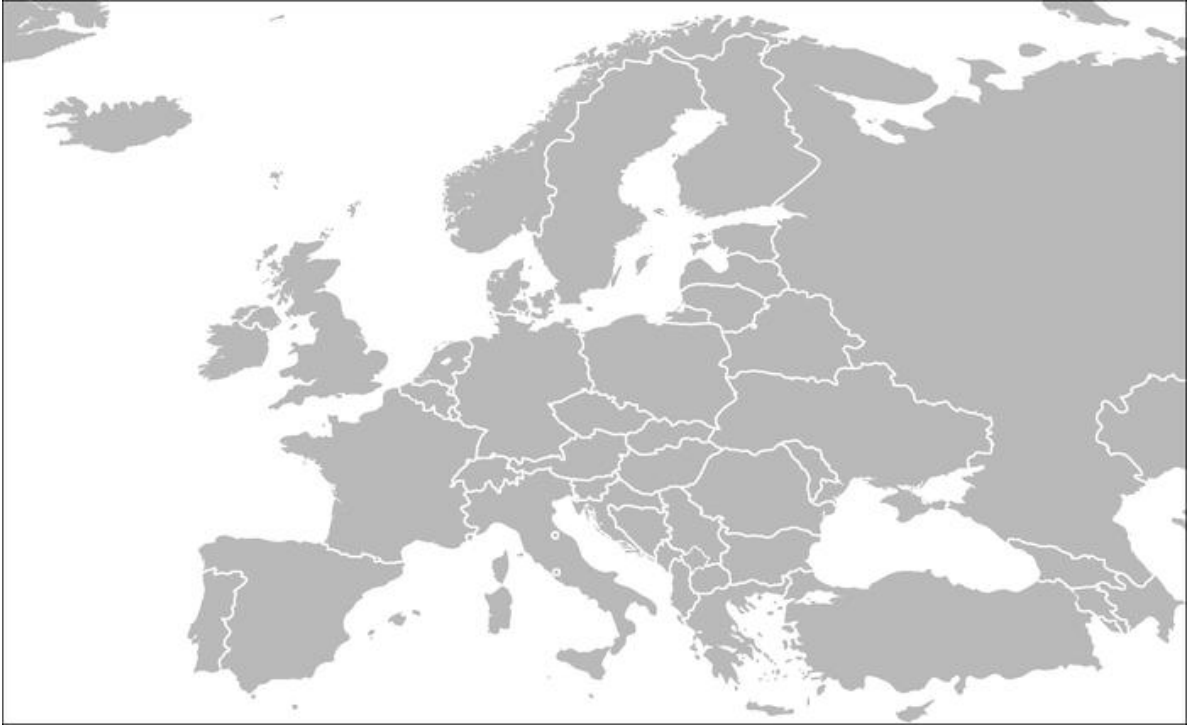
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The Black Plague



1. What is a plague? What are some of the ways people have dealt with plagues?
2. How do diseases spread? How do you think the Black Plague spread?



3. On the above map, draw the path of the Black Plague. **Use color!**

The Black Death (1347-1351 A.D.)

4. Where did the plague cause a huge loss of life as early as the 2nd century AD?
5. What are some of the symptoms of the plague?

6. What role did rats play in spreading the plague?

7. Along what paths did the plague spread into Europe and Africa?

8. Why would city dwellers try to escape the plague by going into the country?

9. Why would religious pilgrimages during the time of the plague help spread the plague even more widely?

10. Why would people try to find a scapegoat to blame for the plague? Why did the Jews as a religious group become the scapegoat?

11. What were the 3 reasons for the 2/3rds decline in European population?

- a.
- b.
- c.

12. How did the feudal relationship between lords and serfs change due to depopulation?

13. The growth of _____ combined with an ongoing _____
_____ lead to a general rise in wages.

14. The massive depopulation of Europe had three very important affects on Western European Civilization:

- a.
- b.
- c.

15. Could the plague ever affect the world today as greatly as it affected the world in the 1300's why or why not?