

Aim: To understand what Medieval people believed caused the Black Death in 1348, how they reacted to it and its impact on society.

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Key Vocabulary:

The Church
Pandemic
Flagellants
Quarantine
Miasma

What did people in the Middle Ages think caused the Black Death in 1348 and how did they deal with it?



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Task:

Make a list in your book of everything you think you know about the Black Death in 1348.



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THE 'BLACK DEATH'
ENTERED ENGLAND IN 1348
THROUGH THIS PORT.

IT KILLED 30-50%
OF THE COUNTRY'S
TOTAL POPULATION



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Create a table like this in your book to help you organise your notes as we go through this topic.

Symptoms	Causes	Treatments	Preventions



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Historians think that the Black Death arrived in England during the summer of 1348. During the following autumn it spread quickly through the south west. Few villages escaped. Churchyards were full with bodies.

The Black Death spread quickly during the winter of 1348-1349 to the north of England. By 1350, nearly the whole of Britain had been infected with the Black Death.

At the end of 1350 nearly two and a half million people were dead!



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Task: Write a couple of sentences using this map to describe its journey across Europe



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How was the Black Death spreading?

PNEUMONIC PLAGUE:

This was the most lethal form of the Black Death, it was spread through the air from coughing and sneezing and entered the victim's lungs.

Death Rate: 100%



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Task: What does this image suggest to you about treatment or prevention of the Black Death?



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How was the Black Death spreading?

BUBONIC PLAGUE:

We now know that the most common form of the Black Death was the **BUBONIC PLAGUE!**

This disease was spread by fleas which lived on the black rat. The fleas sucked the rat's blood which contained the plague germs. When the rat died the fleas jumped on to humans and passed on the deadly disease.



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BUBONIC PLAGUE:

How do
we know
this is
Bubonic
Plague?



This image is of an actor

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Symptoms



Day 1 Painful swellings called buboes appeared in the victim's armpits and groin. These were usually about the size of an egg, but could sometimes be as big as an apple.



Day 4 The disease attacked the nervous system. This caused the victim to suffer spasms. The victim was in terrible pain.



Day 2 The victim vomited and developed a fever.



Day 5 Sometimes the buboes burst and a foul-smelling black liquid oozed from the open boils. When this happened the victim usually lived. However, in most cases the victim suffered a painful death.



Day 3 Bleeding under the skin caused dark blotches all over the body.

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Previous Knowledge Recap:

Task:

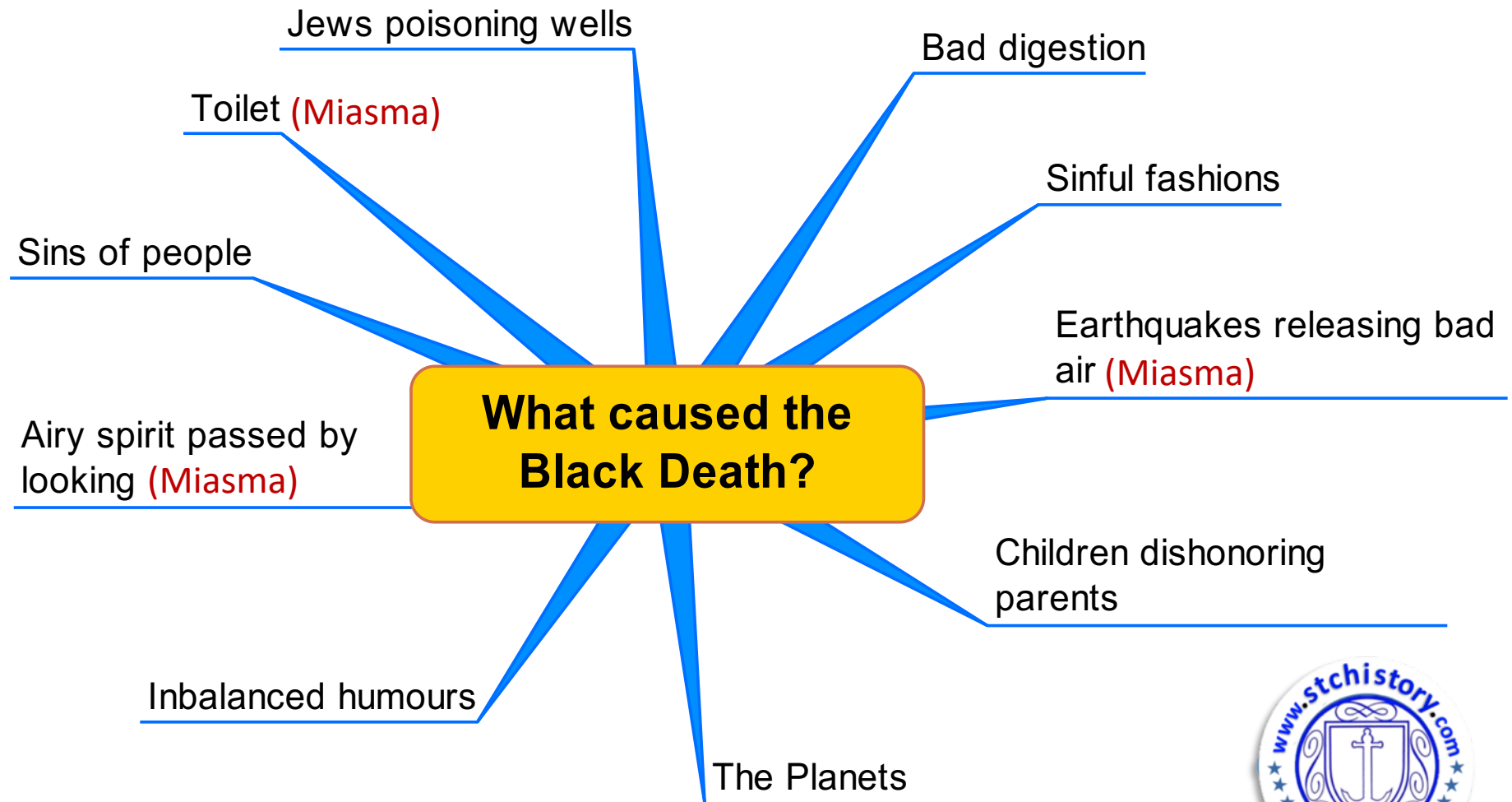
Explain in a small paragraph at least 2 features of Medieval life / living conditions that could have helped or contributed to the spreading of the Black Death...



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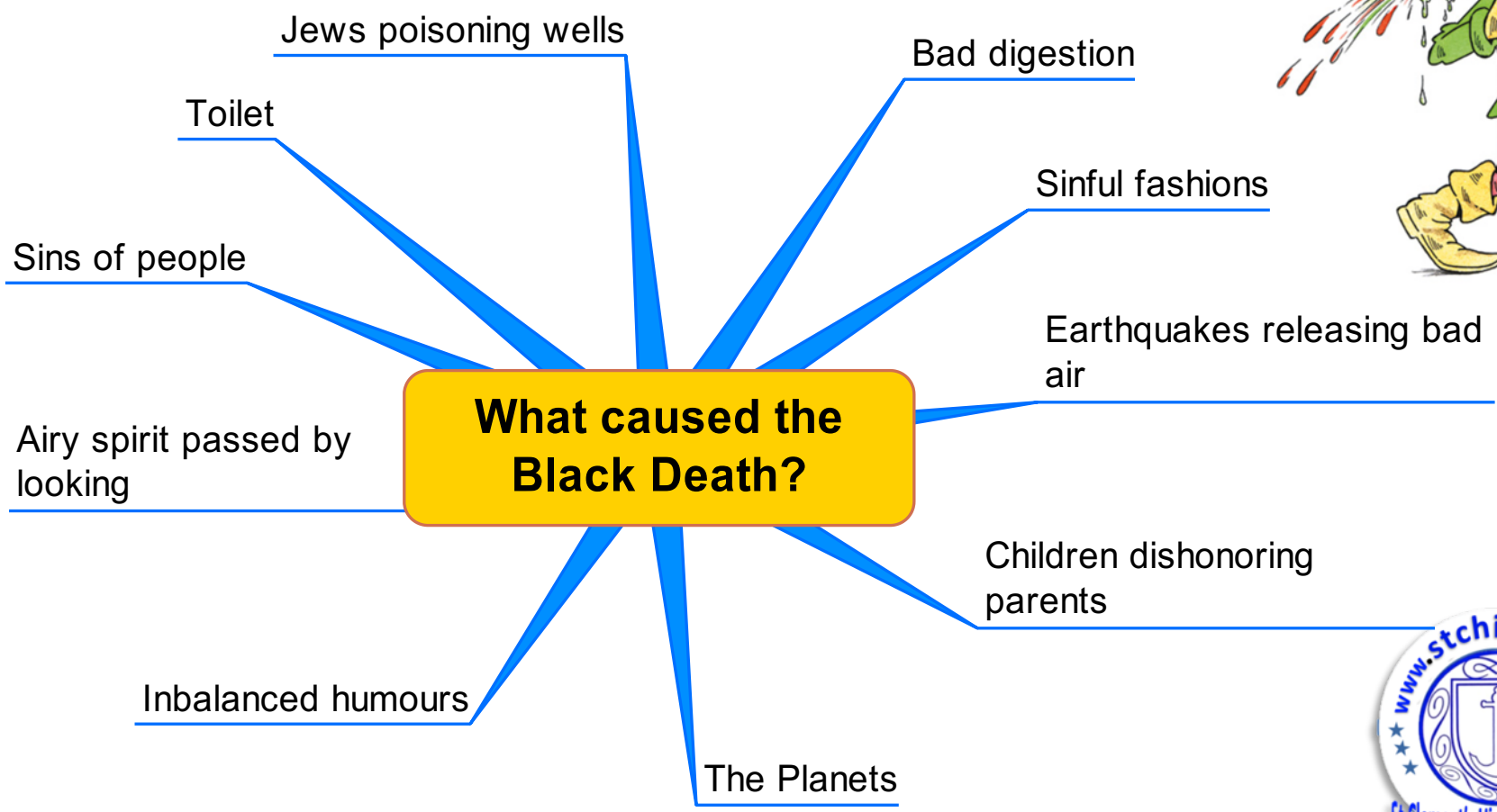
Task: Add these ideas to your table with a small image / doodle that might help you remember it...



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Task: In your notes table, place an **S** next to any of these ideas that you think are **supernatural** causes, an **R** next to anything related to **Religion** and an **L** next to anything you think is **logical**...



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Task: What can you see here that suggests how Medieval people tried to deal with the Black Death?

Strap shaved chicken
bottoms to Buboes

Drink mercury & vinegar

Burst Buboes

Do Nothing, it is God's will
(Fatalistic)

Kill cats & dogs

Frogs / Toads on Buboes

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**Sweet smelling herbs
/ lavender**



Pray

Ask for forgiveness



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Task: What can you see here that suggests how Medieval people tried to deal with the Black Death?



Rich could run to the countryside



Quarantine

Herbal Remedies



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What do you think is going on here?



Flagellants

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Task: Similarly to what you did with Causes previously, in the Treatments and Preventions columns In your notes table, place an **S** next to any of these ideas that you think are **supernatural**, an **R** next to anything related to **Religion** and an **L** next to anything you think is **logical**...



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Task: As we know, religion plays a critical role in most parts of Medieval life.

Write a paragraph explaining what role Religion (The Church) has played in the Black Death (Treatments, Causes and Preventions)... **(at least 3 pieces of evidence / facts)**



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What was the impact of the Black Death on society?



50% of world dead

Has the balance of power shifted in favour of the peasants who survived it?

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What was the biggest group of people in Medieval society?

Because there were so many of the Peasants, they could be taken advantage of, high rent, low wages (due to their desperation they took it)

Who relied heavily on the Peasants for working the land?

