What was the Black Death?

Student: ………………………..…………..…..…..…………… Class: …..…….....………. Due date: …..…….…………………...

**1.** **a.** **Complete the following table about the name of this plague.**

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| Language | Common name | Definition | Reason for name |
|  | Black Death |  | . |
|  | morte bleue |  |  |
|  | pestis atra |  |  |

**b.** **Which of these do you think was the most appropriate name? Explain.**

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**2.** **The Black Death seems to have been a combination of three related diseases.   
Complete the following table.**

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| Disease | Symptoms | Fatal?  Place a ✓or 🗶 |
| Bubonic plague |  |  |
| Pneumonic (pulmonary) plague |  |  |
| Septicaemic plague |  |  |

**3.** **Choose words from the text box to fill in the gaps of the following summary about how the plague spread.**

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| animals        fleas        people        rats        bubonic        pneumonic        septicaemic |

*Yersinia pestis* was carried on a variety of ............................ that lived on black ............................ . Wherever the ….……………. went, they bit ............................ and ............................ , infecting them with ............................ and/or ............................ plague. Because ............................ plague infected the lungs, it could be spread by people coughing.

**4.** **Underline the correct term(s).**

**a.** Bubonic plague is endemic to parts of …………………………………… */Europe/Australia.*

**b.** Evidence suggests the Black Death originated in *the Middle East/* …………………………….. *Europe.*

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