

## Ap World History Quiz over the Black Plague

**Directions:** Type your essays into a separate Word doc. You may use notes, your textbook, and/or any other resources needed to help you answer the questions well.

1. How were Bubonic and Pneumonic Plagues different? Describe the symptoms of each.
2. Approximately what percentage of Europe died of the Plague? Of the Middle East?
3. What were some of the societal impacts of the Plague?
4. What impacts did the Plague have upon the economy of Europe?
5. In what ways did the Plague pave the way for the Renaissance?
6. What connections can you draw between the Plague and antisemitism?

Use the image below (*The Flagellants*) and the translation of its text to answer questions 7-10.



The text at the bottom, translated, says: "In [1349] it came to pass that on the day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin some 200 persons came here from Bruges about noon. . . . Immediately the whole town was filled with curiosity as to why these folk had come. . . . Meantime the folk from Bruges prepared to perform their ceremonies which they called 'penance.' The inhabitants of both sexes, who had never before seen any such thing, began to imitate the actions of the strangers, to torment themselves also by the penitential exercises and to thank God for this means of penance which seemed to them most effectual."

7. Besides flagellation, what other forms of penance do you see depicted in this image?
8. What do you think is the significance of the crucifix with Christ on it?
9. How was this practice of flagellation connected to the Plague?
10. Why do you think the inhabitants of Bruges were so quick to copy the actions of the strangers?
  
11. A stained glass window in a Norwich, England church, estimated to have been created around 1500 CE, depicts Death as a chess player competing with an opponent who is a high Church official. What does this reveal about the point of view of the people who created/commissioned the window?
  
12. The poet Boccaccio (14th century) said of people's attitudes toward the dead, "There were no tears of candles or mourners to honor the dead; in fact no more respect was accorded to dead people than would nowadays be shown toward dead goats." Compare this attitude with previous Christian attitudes/behavior towards the dead. How is it different?
  
13. Consider the various ways that people sought to explain and to cope with the plague, based on visual and textual sources that we looked at in class. What parallels can you find between people's behavior then and the human responses to crises in our own time?
  
14. What are some ways that Europe might have developed differently if the Plague had not happened?
  
15. Why do you think India and Sub-Saharan Africa were less affected by the Plague than other regions of the eastern hemisphere?