

## Lesson 4 – Consequences

LO: To explain the most significant factor affected by the Black Death

### Background information:

As we know, the Black Death was a disease that effected a number of people. The precise effects are difficult to assess given the huge loss of life and the lack of records. In some places there was no one left to bury the dead let alone record the effects. However, historians have suggested the Black Death had a number of significant consequences. Estimates differ, but most historians believe that the Black Death killed half the population of Europe. In some places for example the village of West Thickly in County Durham, it killed everybody. The consequences can be grouped into the following factors:

- Social – To do with people
- Political – To do with the government or the running of the country
- Economic – To do with money
- Religious – To do with the Church
- Military – To do with wars and the army

### Key Vocabulary

**Consequence** - a result or an effect of an action or an event

**Tax – Money** paid to the government that is based on your income

**Significance** - Something of extreme importance

Brain dump – Mind-map everything you can remember from last lesson, check your work before moving on.

**Task 1: Below are several different consequence cards. Your task is to categorise them in to the factors in your table. Once you have done that, highlight all positive consequences in one colour and the negative consequences in another. One has been done for you.**

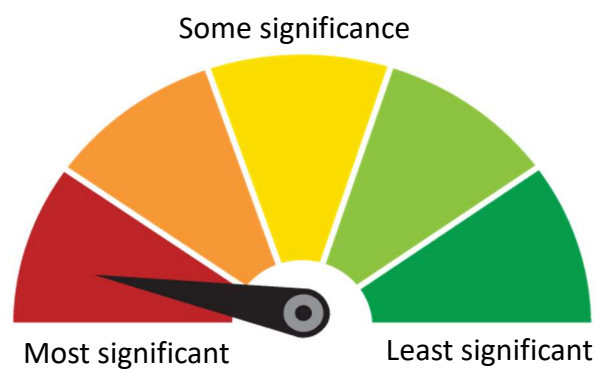
About 33% of Wales and England's population died. It took 250 years for the population to recover.	New medical discoveries and artistic ideas would later bring about a rebirth of culture.	Less tax meant Kings had to think twice before going to war as it was too expensive. So, tax increased a lot.
New religious groups were set up, e.g. the Lollards who criticised the Catholic Church.	Creative works (paintings, murals etc) became morbid, with the image of death everywhere.	Many Churches closed down. It was hard to find enough people to take over the jobs of priests.
The feudal system collapsed. Peasants could leave their village to find work' land and freedom elsewhere.	Wages increased by 400% after the disease. Workers could demand more as fewer of them were alive.	Some villages, like Wharram Percy, never recovered from the disease, and were left abandoned.
Women had new job opportunities.	Poor people's clothing improved.	Poor people's diets improved.
Peasants' attitude towards authority changed. They believed they could stand up to authority as God had spared them.	Some people thought the disease could return any day, so they lived a wild life. They drank, threw parties and lived carelessly.	Medical knowledge improved as doctors were allowed study corpses. People began to understand how the human body worked.
Lords saw the value of their land decrease. They lost a lot of money.	Harsh laws tried to stop the freedom and improvements of peasants' lives.	Officials slowly realised that towns and cities had to be cleaner in future.

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## Task 2: Reflect- Complete the Multiple choice questions

What are the 5 factors that the consequences can be categorised in?		
Social, Economic, Political, Military and Science	Social, Economic, Political, Military and Religious	Social, Economic, Political and Military
What is one positive consequence?		
A huge majority of the population died.	Peasants gained more freedom.	Rich people's diets improved.
What is one negative consequence?		
Harsh laws were put into place to limit people's freedom	Lords gained a lot of money from the land	Women had less opportunities
How did the Black Death affect religion?		
New religious groups were set up.	People lost faith in God.	Churches closed down.

Task 3: As you can see, the Black Death affected many aspects of life, but which factor did it affect the most? Place all five factors (Economic, Political, Economic, Military, and Religious) around the significance meter to work at the most significant factor affected. Explain your reasoning as to why you have placed the factor there.



## Structure and Sentence Starters

*In my opinion, the Black Death had the most significant impact on...*

*The Black Death had a significant impact on the Economy as it...*

*The economic factor was the most significant one and the most affected by the Black Death because...*

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Review: summarise what you have learnt in today's lesson by adding to you "Brain dump" at the start of the lesson using a different colour pen if you can. If there is anything you are not sure on you can write some questions below and email them to your teacher for more help.