

THE BLACK DEATH

OR
HOW FLEAS DESTROYED HALF OF EUROPE

MORTALITY RATE

100%

50%

0%

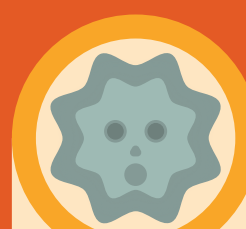
THE BIG BAD BACTERIA

Yersinia Pestis is the bacteria responsible for the epidemic that came to be known as the Black Death. The bacteria itself can result in one of three strains of plague: Bubonic, pneumonic and Septicemic.



BUBONIC

The main strain responsible for wiping out half of Europe. This strain affects lymph nodes.



PNEUMONIC

This strain of the plague would affect one's lungs. Untreated, this strain would almost always result in death.



SEPTICEMIC

This strain of the plague would affect one's blood. This infection would result in septicemia.



A common misconception is that the plague was spread by rats. While this is not completely false, the real culprit was the fleas the rats and some other rodents carried.



SYMPTOMS

BUBOS



ILLNESS



MUSCLE CRAMPS



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HIGH FEVER



GANGRENE

