

# THE BLACK DEATH

OR  
HOW FLEAS DESTROYED HALF OF EUROPE

MORTALITY RATE

100%

50%

0%

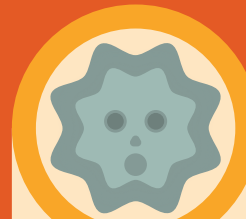
## THE BIG BAD BACTERIA

*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 one's lymph nodes.



### PNEUMONIC

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

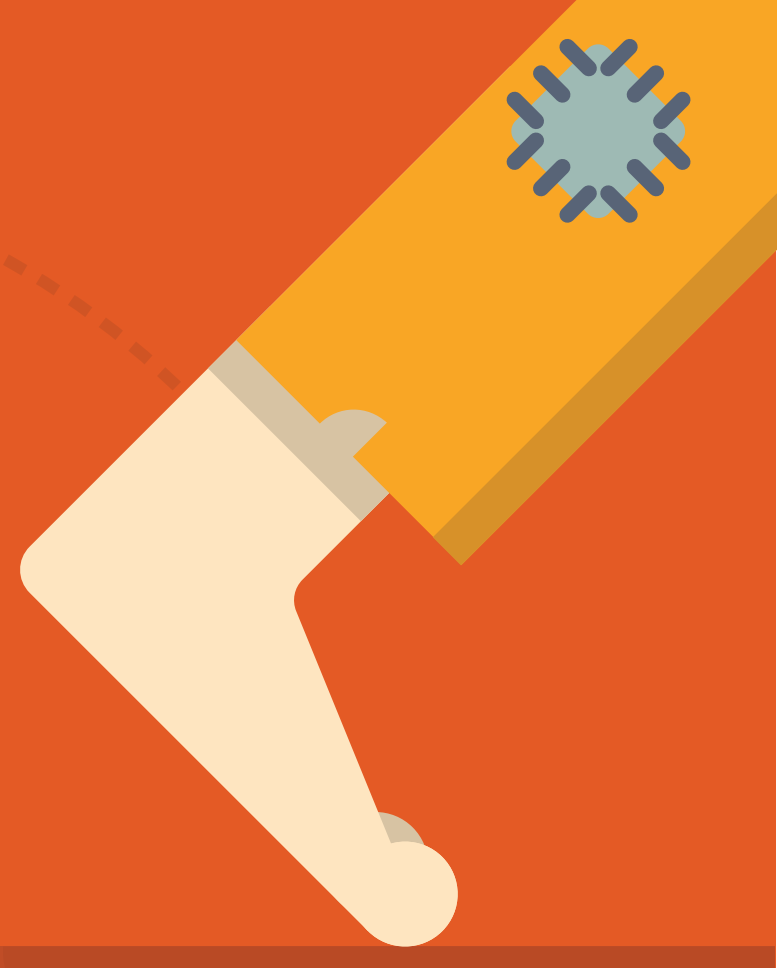


### SEPTICEMIC

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



SEIZURES



HIGH FEVER



GANGRENE

