

# Form 1 Inquiry: Why couldn't they cure the Black Death in the Middle Ages?

Over the next few lessons you will be investigating this question and presenting your findings in a report.

**Connect:** *(Fill this in before you start the inquiry)*  
 Why do you think this is an important question for Historians to answer?

Now conduct your inquiry



You MUST ensure you go through ALL of the stages of the FOSIL cycle to succeed.

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**Reflect:** *(Fill this in when you have finished the inquiry)*  
 What do you think now about why this is important for Historians? Can you add anything to your previous answer?

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What were the symptoms?

What do I think I already know about my topic?

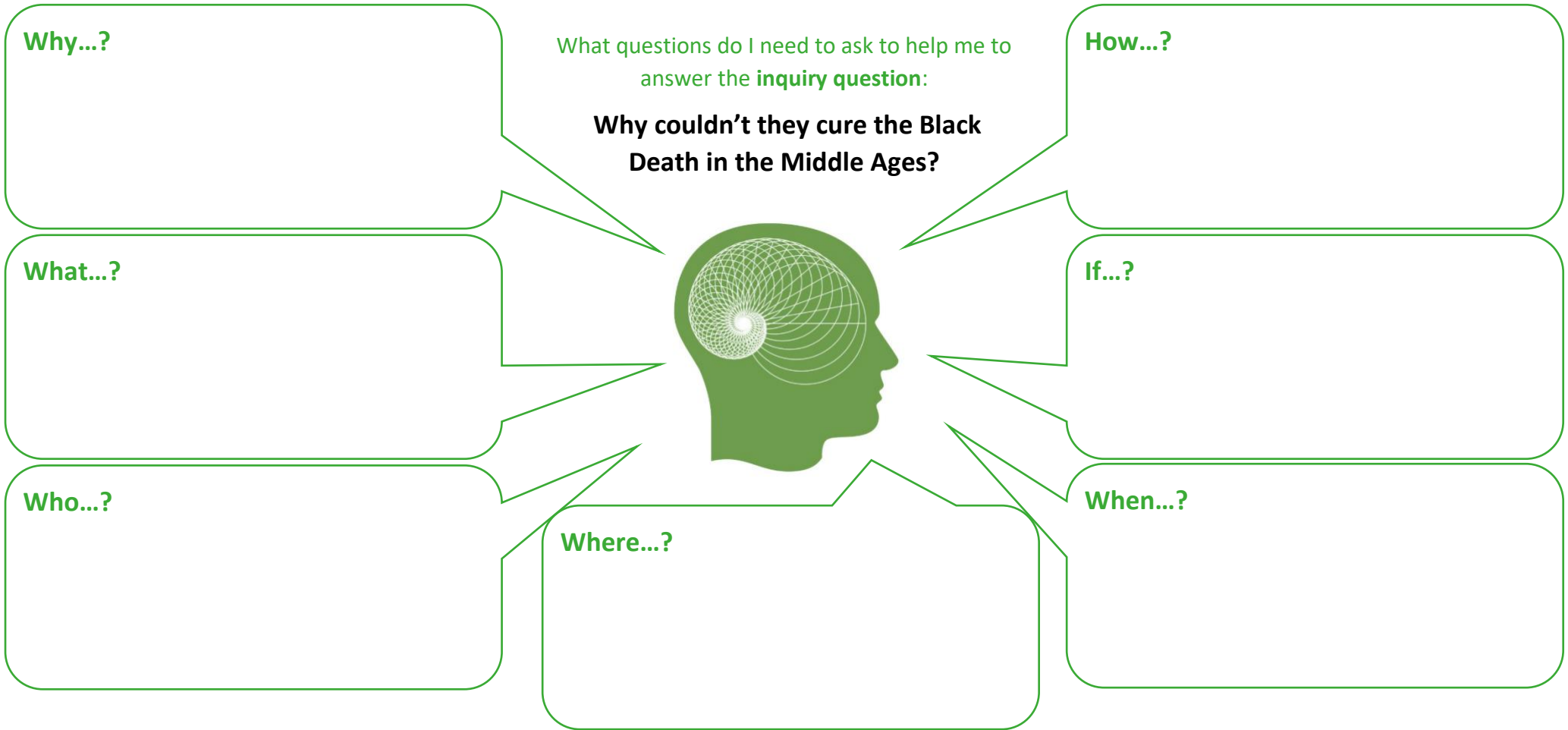
When did it happen?

The Black Death



Which countries did it spread to?

Anything else I know that might be useful:



Which **three** of these questions would be the **most useful** in helping me to answer the inquiry question? Why?

1. The question	<input type="text"/>	will help me because	<input type="text"/>
2. The question	<input type="text"/>	will help me because	<input type="text"/>
3. The question	<input type="text"/>	will help me because	<input type="text"/>

## Investigative Journal

Use the 5 Evidence Sets to make notes that will help you to answer your questions. Don't forget to make a note of the sources used to find your information. Put the 'source number' in a circle next to each piece of information in the table. E.g. ①a

<p>Which of my question(s) am I trying to answer?</p>	<p><b>What information have I found?</b>  <i>Don't forget that any direct quotes must be in quotation marks. Put the 'source number' next to each piece of information to show where it came from.</i></p>	<p>What does this tell me about why medieval people couldn't cure the Black Death?</p>

### Investigative Journal (continued)

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<b>Which of my question(s) am I trying to answer?</b>	<b>What information have I found?</b> <i>Don't forget that any direct quotes must be in quotation marks. Put the 'source number' next to each piece of information to show where it came from.</i>	<b>What does this tell me about why medieval people couldn't cure the Black Death?</b>

**EVIDENCE SET 1**

Which inquiry question could this evidence set help with?

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Source 1c

Source 1a

Source 1b

**EVIDENCE SET 2**

**Source 2c**

**Source 2d**

Which inquiry question could this evidence set help with?  
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**Source 2a**

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**Source 2e**

**Source 2b**

**EVIDENCE SET 3**

Which inquiry question could this evidence set help with?  
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**Source 3c**

**Source 3b**

**Source 3a**

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**Source 3d**

**Source 3e**

**Source 3f**



**EVIDENCE SET 4**

Which inquiry question could this evidence set help with?

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**Source 4d**

**Source 4b**

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**Source 4a**

**Source 4c**

**EVIDENCE SET 5**

**Source 5c**

Which inquiry question could this evidence set help with?

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**Source 5d**


**Source 5e**

### Ranking reasons in order of importance

Stick reason 1 here




Stick reason 2 here



Stick reason 3 here



Stick reason 4 here



I think this factor had the greatest impact because:



I think this factor had the least impact because:

## Final Report

Use this box to briefly describe what the Black Death was so that the reader understands what you are talking about. What key words or knowledge might you need to include?

Reason 1: Use this box to describe the reason using key words and knowledge and explain why that stopped people curing the Black Death.

Reason 2: Use this box to describe the reason using key words and knowledge and explain why that stopped people curing the Black Death.

You may want to add a picture here, but think carefully about how it will help your argument and whether it needs labelling.

Reason 3: Use this box to describe the reason using key words and knowledge and explain why that stopped people curing the Black Death.

Reason 4: Use this box to describe the reason using key words and knowledge and explain why that stopped people curing the Black Death.

Use this box to tell the reader your decision as to which reason was the most important and to explain why.

