

The Plague Detective

Medieval Europe to the Renaissance

Name: _____

Date: _____

Circle the best answer for 1 and 2. Answer 3 in complete sentences.

1. What spread the Black Death?

- (A) Bad air
- (B) Bacteria carried by fleas on rats
- (C) Poisoned water only
- (D) Volcanoes

2. How did the Black Death affect feudalism?

- (A) It made serfs work for free
- (B) It weakened feudalism because workers were scarce
- (C) It made lords more powerful forever
- (D) It had no effect

Read: From a law passed in England, 1351: "Workers shall take no more wages than they received before the plague. Any worker who leaves his lord to seek higher pay shall be jailed."

3. What does this law reveal about how the Black Death changed life for workers? Use evidence and a source check.

Use Historian's Claim: Claim, Evidence, Source check, Explain.

The Plague Detective: Exit Ticket

Total: 5 points. Mastery: 4 or more.

#	Answer	Points
1	(B) Bacteria carried by fleas on rats	1 point
2	(B) It weakened feudalism because workers were scarce	1 point
3	Claim: The law reveals that after the Black Death, workers had gained power to demand higher wages. Evidence: The law says workers "shall take no more wages than they received before the plague" and threatens jail for anyone who "leaves his lord to seek higher pay." Source: This is a primary source, an English law from 1351 written by the government and landowners, so it shows their point of view. Explain: Lords would not need this law unless workers were already asking for more pay and leaving, which shows the labor shortage was weakening feudalism.	3 points: Claim: workers gained power; Quotes the law; Source: 1351 law, written by those in power.