

The Black Death and Its Consequences

Complete the following fill in the blank in order to improve your understanding of the social and economic impacts of The Black Death.

The Black Death, a form of the _____ plague, first appeared in Europe during the mid _____ century. It most likely arrived aboard merchant ships returning from the _____. The effects were quick and devastating. A human body soon become covered with _____ and _____, the victim would vomit _____ and be disoriented by _____.

Approximately _____ million people during The Black Death which totalled nearly _____ of the population of Europe died. It was said that this period was a witness to the best and worst of humanity. Members of the _____ often hid away in their homes in hopes of escaping the ravages of the epidemic. Doctors and those in the religious orders showed true heroism in caring for the _____. On the other extreme, over-whelmed parents would leave sick children to die in the street and _____ would break into homes and steal from those who had expired. A group of religious zealots known as the _____ wandered from village to village preaching that the plague was a _____ of God.

Due to the large numbers of deaths, a shortage of labour to work the fields arose. In turn, the serfs and freemen were able to demand _____. As a result, many feudal estate went _____ putting the economy and _____ into a state of crisis.

To make the situation even worse, the lack of serfs and freemen to work the fields caused a significant shortage of _____ leading to _____ amongst the masses. The peasants had had enough and started to demand better living conditions in both France and England. The nobles showed no sympathy. In fact, they passed a law to return _____ to what they were before the Plague. As well, in order to finance the 100 Years War the Parliament of England approved a _____ which demanded the same amount of money from everyone, be he serf or noble. The peasants rose up in _____ but eventually all were put down swiftly and with brutality.

bankrupt

Black Sea

bourgeoisie

blood

buboes

bubonic

dark blotches

Flagellants

feudal system

food

hallucinations

higher wages

poll tax

punishment

rebellion

starvation

sick

thieves

wages

25

1/3

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