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Period \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**“from *When Plague Strikes*”**

**pp. 222-238**

*Pre-Reading*

ACTIVITY 1—Video Preview

Watch YouTube Video “The Black Death: The Worst Plague in History”.

(13 minutes)

ACTIVITY 2—Ask a Question

What do you want to learn about the Black Plague?

Write one question that you would like answered by the end of your reading.

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What is the answer to your question?

(Complete this part after you read the passage.)

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ACTIVITY 3—Survey the Text

What is the title of the passage?

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What is the purpose of the word “from” in the title?

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Who is the author?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

When was this passage published?

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What genre is this?

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How many subheadings are there?

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Under which subheading would you find information about how they attempted to treat the Black Plague?

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How many key words are identified throughout the reading?

(Hint: look for the red superscripts.)

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ACTIVITY 4—Vocabulary

Using your book, complete the chart below.

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| *KEY WORD* | *DEFINITION* | *SYNONYM OR EXAMPLE* |
| buboes (bubonic) |  |  |
| contemporary |  |  |
| pestilence |  |  |
| vermin |  |  |
| refuse |  |  |
| phenomenon |  |  |
| quarantine |  |  |
| futile |  |  |
| mortality |  |  |
| illiterate |  |  |

*Reading*

ACTIVITY 5—Reading for Understanding

Answer each question in the chart below.

Refer to the blue highlighted sections in your book.

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| --- | --- |
| *Question* | *Answer* |
| Why did people blame the Italian traders for the epidemic? (p. 225) |  *The Italian traders were blamed for the epidemic because*  |
| What caused the people of Catania to act as they did? (p. 228) | *The people of Catania reacted the way they did because* |
| Why do you think people thought it was the end of the world? (p. 232) | *People thought it was the end of the world because* |
| How might the visitors have brought the “pestilence” with them? (p. 233) | *The visitors might have brought the “pestilence” with them*  |
| What is the importance of this information about medical thought? (p. 234) | *This information about medical thought helped me understand*  |
| Who were the main caregivers in the “medical scene” at the time? (p. 235) | *During this time, the main caregivers were* |
| What advice did physicians and surgeons give to people? (p. 236) | *Physicians and surgeons advised people* |
| From the time that the plague arrived in Messina, Sicily, how long did it take to run its course? (p. 238) | *It took about* |

*Post-Reading*

ACTIVITY 6—Summary

In the non-fiction passage “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we discover what the worst plague in history was like. In 1347, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or the Black Death, struck Europe. Victims’ skin blackened from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; sufferers died within \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ days. People in the region where the disease first appeared blamed the dreadful illness on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but the real carriers were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that lived in their fur. Ships with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ carried the plague from Sicily to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and eventually on to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The plague reached \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, where the Pope was living, in 1348. By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the disease had reached \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the population died.