

What cures were tried at the time?



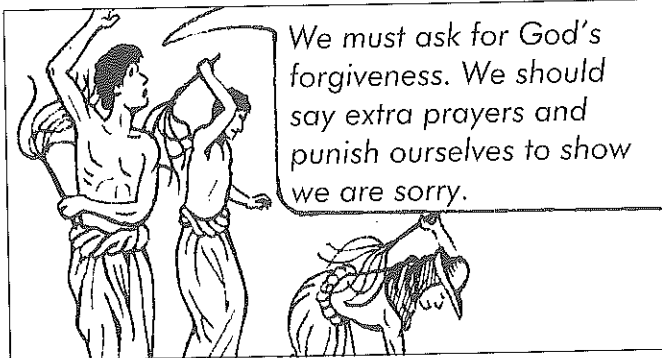
Background

No one knew how to cure the **Black Death** because no one at the time knew what caused it. Different people had different ideas about the best way to be safe.



Key words

Black Death
hygiene



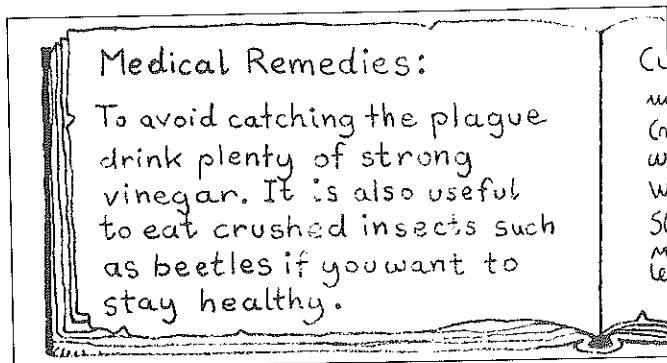
We must ask for God's forgiveness. We should say extra prayers and punish ourselves to show we are sorry.

Strange groups of people marched through cities whipping themselves.



This will get rid of bad smells.

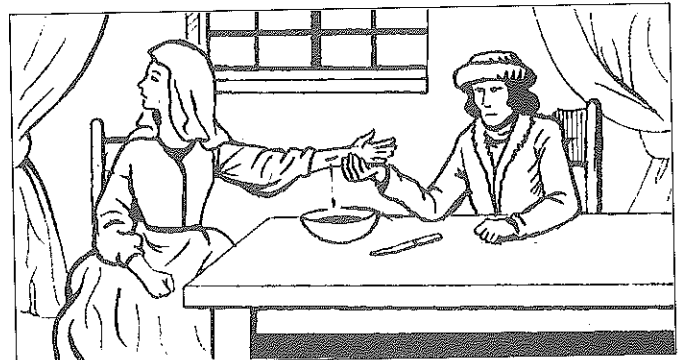
Others thought that the streets should be cleaned.



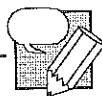
Medical Remedies:

To avoid catching the plague drink plenty of strong vinegar. It is also useful to eat crushed insects such as beetles if you want to stay healthy.

Some tried unusual medical remedies.



Some tried surgery. Bleeding people meant getting rid of bad blood.

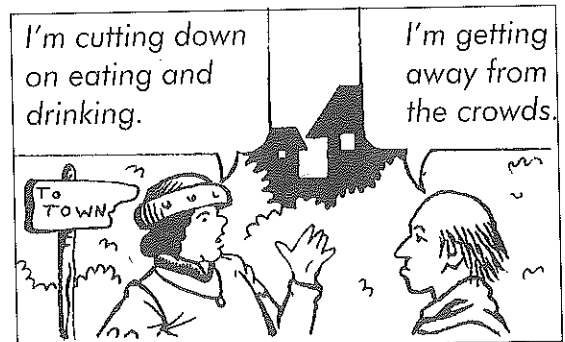


Activities

1. Use the information to fill in the chart below.

Idea	What it meant	Did it work?
Turn to religion		
Better hygiene		
Medical cures		
Surgery		
Changing behaviour		

2. Why could no one stop the disease at this time?



I'm cutting down on eating and drinking.

I'm getting away from the crowds.

Some tried changing their behaviour.



Find out

What can doctors do to stop disease today?