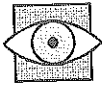


# What was the Black Death?



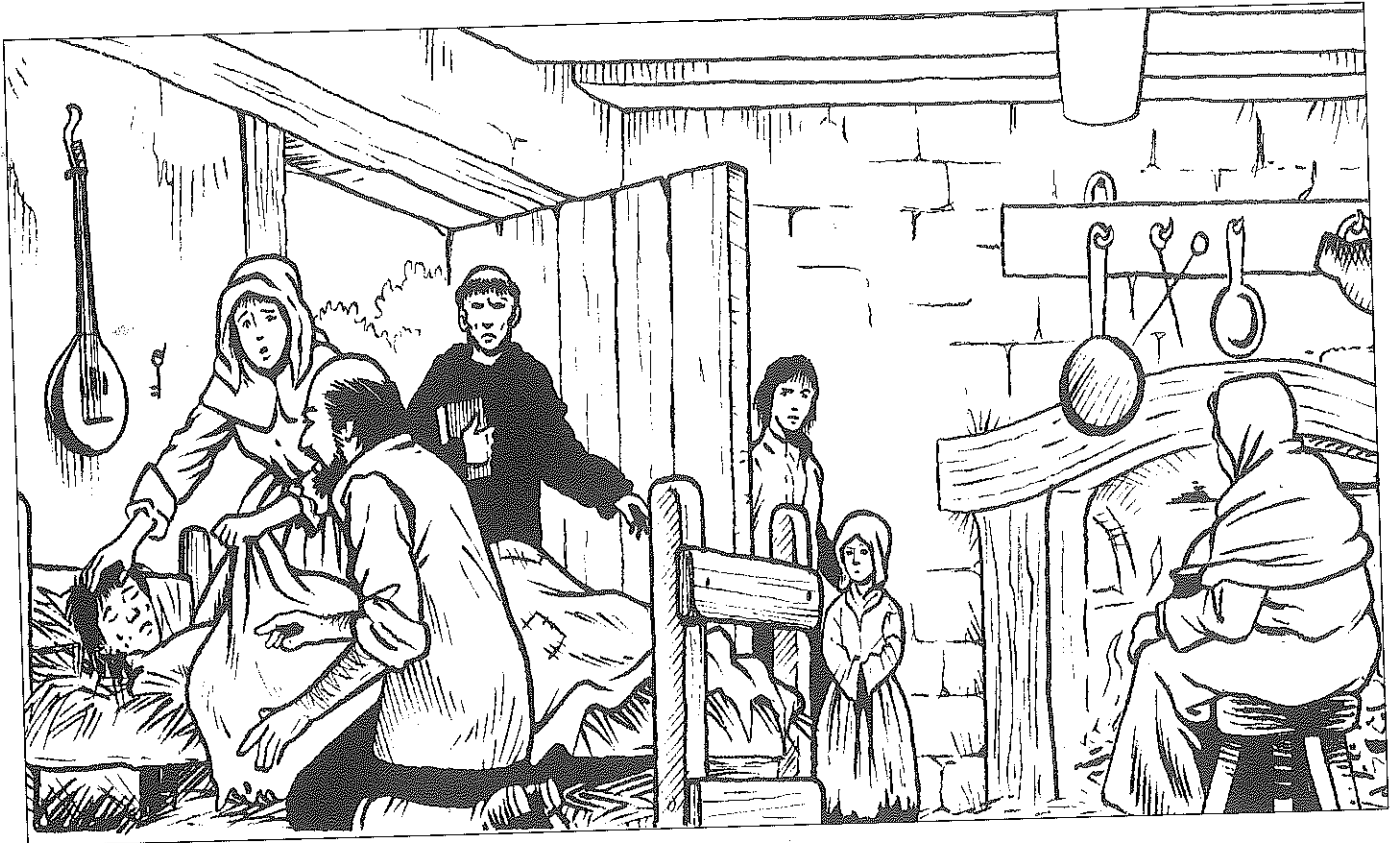
## Background

In 1348, a terrible disease came to England. People who caught the disease had swellings on their bodies, sometimes as big as an egg. Then the black spots would appear which gave the disease its name. One out of every three people in England died of the **Black Death**.



## Key word

**Black Death**



## Activities

1. Read the background and study the picture. Write a story about what is happening in this picture. Think about the following points:
  - Who is in the bed? What has happened to her?
  - Who are the rest of the people? How do they feel?
  - Why is the priest there?
  - Are the people afraid?
  - What will they do next?Give your story a title.
2. Why was this disease called the Black Death?
3. Did many people in England die of this disease?



## Find out

1. Why was the Black Death such a dangerous disease?
2. How did it spread so quickly?
3. How did people in England finally get rid of the Black Death?