

## QUEST 3-3

# THE BLACK DEATH

NOTE: Unless you have earned the MAGIC QUILL power-up, these notes must be COPIED ON YOUR OWN PAPER.

Questions/Interactions	Notes
	<p><b>The Beginning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Plague</u>- highly infectious and usually fatal disease.</li><li>• It started in Central Asia and China. (The bacteria probably mutated into a new strain)</li><li>• It spread to the Middle East and Europe through trade on the Silk Road.</li><li>• The Black Death spread through Europe, starting in <b>Italy</b> and moving <b>north</b>.</li></ul> <p><b>How it Kills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The bacteria moves to the lymph nodes and rapidly multiplies.</li><li>• Lymph nodes swell into buboes until they burst and die (even though the person is not dead yet).</li><li>• Other symptoms: fever, decaying skin spots, blood vomiting.</li></ul> <p><b>Results</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In 5 years (1347-1351) the plague wiped out more than 1/3 of the world's population.</li><li>• There were not enough workers to harvest crops or produce goods.</li><li>• The survivors demanded better pay and the feudal system started to break down.</li><li>• The Plague was a leading cause for the end of feudalism at the end of the Middle Ages.</li></ul>