

Station #2

Use the documents and sources provided at your station to help you answer the following questions.

1. Read the primary source by Jean de Venette, and the "Persecution of the Jews" (textbook p.166).
 - a. What did medieval people think caused the plague?
 - b. What were the Jews accused of, and what happened to them?
 - c. Does Jean de Venette think that these accusations against the Jews were true? What does he think were the causes?
2. View source #2: What actually caused the plague (according to scientists today)?
3. View sources #3-4 and answer the following questions:
 - a. How were the dead bodies of plague victims dealt with?
 - b. How might this contribute to the spread of the disease?

Station #4

Use the documents and sources provided at your station to help you answer the following questions.

1. Read the excerpt from Boccaccio's *Decameron* (source #1). What did people do to try to prevent the plague? Were they successful?
2. Read the next excerpt from Boccaccio's *Decameron* (source #2). Describe the various ways that different people reacted to the plague (what did they do? What ended up happening?)
3. Read through the "Cures for the Black Death" (source #3). Which cure do you think made the most sense? (your opinion) Explain why.
4. Look at/read sources #4 and 5. What were flagellants? **Why** did they do what they did (what was their reasoning)?

