

What Caused the Black Death?



Objective

To become familiar with what people in the 14th Century believed were the causes of the Black Death.



Equipment

- Enrich School Orienteering Map
- Orienteering control markers
- Activity Sheet
- Answer Sheet



Preparation

- Children could do this activity in pairs or small groups.
- Provide each pair/group with a copy of the Activity Sheet and an Enrich School Orienteering Map.
- Explain to children how to complete their Activity Sheet.



Instructions

- The Activity Sheet includes a list of possible causes of the Black Death.
- Children use their orienteering map to locate specific control points.
- The 3rd letter on the control marker links to one of the possible causes of the Black Death.
- Children have to decide whether the cause was true or false.
- They also need to decide whether people believed this at the time of the Black Death.



Other information

- Children could use this activity as part of a class topic on the Black Death or medicine in the middle ages.

