

The Black Death

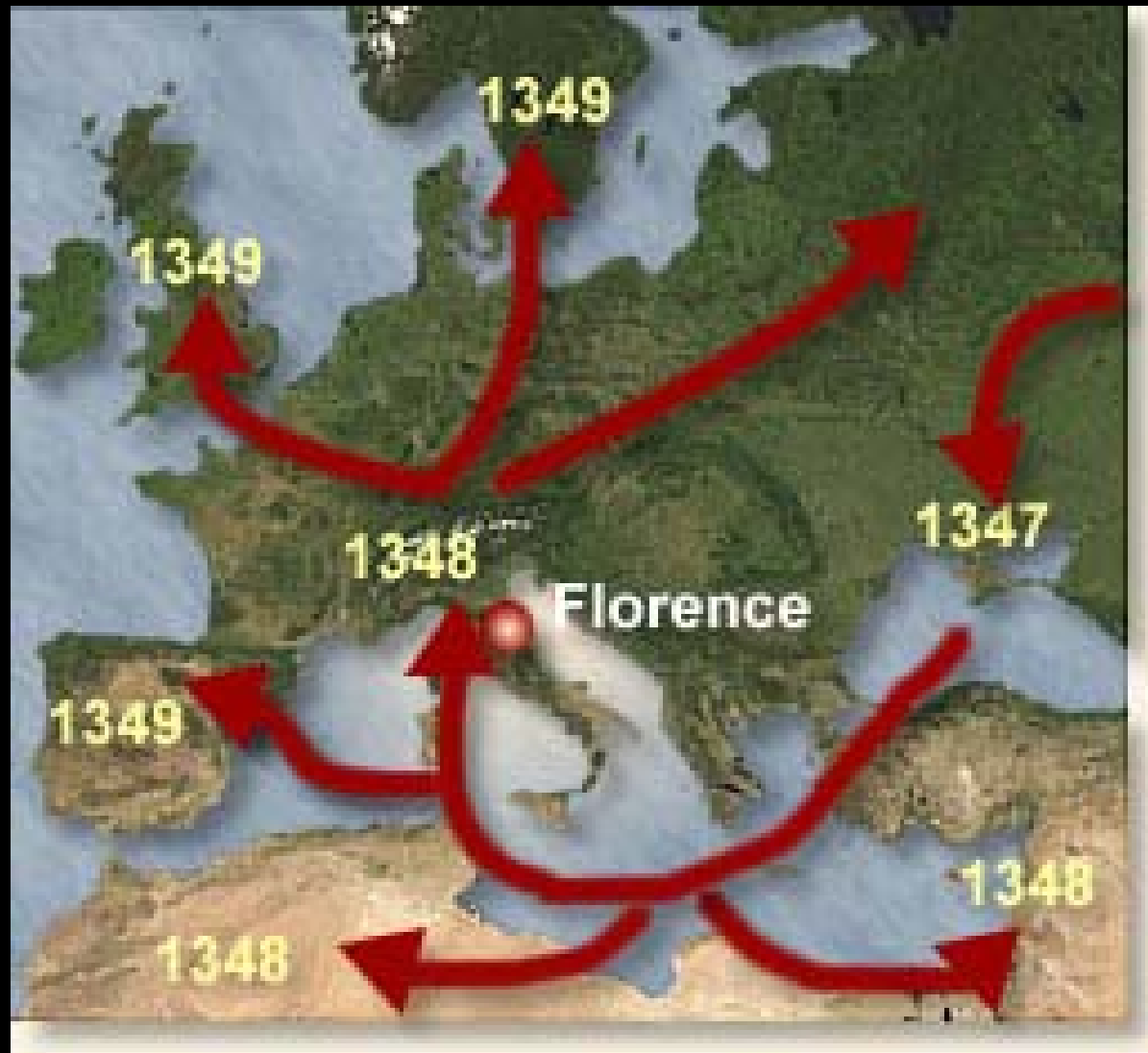
Europe 1347-1351



“It is the *unknown* we fear when we look upon death and darkness...nothing more.”

- J. K. Rowling

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince, 2005



It Spread Very Quickly...



Early Signs





Later Stages



The Black Death Struck Everyone





Trying to Cover the Hideous Smell





Doctor's Protection?



Human Bones in a
Plague Pit

Suspected Causes

Alignment of the Planets

God's displeasure (sin)

Jews

Sign of the end of the world

Foul air

Bathing

Remedies?

No bathing

Isolation – Locked themselves inside

Seclusion: locked those infected away

Magic spells

Scents



Burning Jews Alive



Flagellants: Tried to **BEAT** the Disease and Sin

**Flea drinks rat blood
that carries the bacteria**



**Bacteria multiply
in flea's gut**



Human is infected



**Flea bites human,
regurgitates blood
into open wound**



**Gut clogged
with bacteria**

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Results

Many priests and doctors died

Large cities affected greatly

Some towns – 80% fatality rate

Towns abandoned

Rural areas affected – animals

25,000,000 deaths – 1/3 of Europe

Positive Outcomes

Labor more valued

Higher wages, respect

Many serfs gained freedom

More opportunities

In general...rise in standard of living