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Moments in Time: The Curse of the Rat

Video Viewing Guide

1. Why blame rats? Why is the video's subtitle "The Curse of the Rat?"
2. Where did the plague originate?
3. Do the Mongol warriors know about the plague? How do you know?
4. What is the role of the flea in spreading the plague?
5. Who did medieval Italians believe was responsible for the plague? How did they respond?
6. Why did Pope Clement survive the plague?
7. How did the spread of the plague affect medieval society and relationships between family members?
8. Why did certain people (called *flagellants*) beat themselves?
9. What is that white stuff the archaeologists are digging up? Why do they find it in plague victims' graves?
10. What did the English taste for French wine have to do with the spread of the plague?
11. What are the two reasons for the sudden stop of the plague in 1350?
12. The Black Death killed five million people in England. What were the effects of such a huge drop in population?
13. Where did the plague resurface in 1994?