

## KS1 History Quiz - Plague (Questions)

This quiz addresses the requirements of the National Curriculum KS1 History for children aged 5, 6 and 7 in years 1 and 2. Specifically this quiz is aimed at the section dealing with studying events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally.

Studying significant events beyond living memory is an important part of the curriculum. This is often done as part of broader topic work and may involve exploring several different historical sources to build a clear picture of life at the time. The plague is one such significant event suitable for studying.

**1. What was the plague?**

- A type of carpet used in most homes
- A serious disease which usually resulted in death
- A nursery rhyme
- A special kind of doctor

**2. What was the plague also known as?**

- Red Illness
- Black Death
- Blue Headache
- Orange Injury

**3. Which areas of the city were worst hit by the plague?**

- The parts nearest to the river
- The rich parts
- The parts nearest the countryside
- The poor parts

**4. How were people warned that a family had the plague?**

- A trench dug around the house
- Yellow tape across the door
- A blue flag outside
- A red cross on the door

**5. How were the nurses during these times different to nurses today?**

- They drove ambulances
- They were paid a lot of money
- They had no training and only visited the houses to deliver food
- They used special herbs to cure the sick

**6. Which creatures did Londoners suspect of spreading the disease?**

- Cats and dogs
- Mice and rats
- Pigeons and sparrows
- Sheep and cows

**7. Which of the following was not considered to be a cure for the plague?**

- Carrying sweet-smelling herbs and flowers
- Sitting in a hot, smoky room
- Wearing lucky charms to ward off germs
- Wearing special plague shoes

**8. Which nursery rhyme was written about the plague?**

- Humpty Dumpty
- The Grand Old Duke of York
- Wind the Bobbin Up
- Ring-a-ring-a-roses

**9. What did many of the rich people do during the plague?**

- Made posters warning people of the dangers
- Went hunting for rats to stop the plague spreading
- Fled to the countryside to avoid it
- Bought food for the poor people who were suffering

**10. What other major event helped to end the plague?**

- The beginning of World War II
- The invasion of the Vikings
- The discovery of America
- The Great Fire of London

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Although the plague had been around for centuries, The Great Plague hit the country, and particularly London, in 1665

### 3. Which areas of the city were worst hit by the plague?

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The poor parts of the city were filled with rubbish and rats, making the disease easy to spread

### 5. How were the nurses during these times different to nurses today?

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Quite often, the nurses stole from the people they were supposed to be helping!

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People were desperate and would try anything to stay well - some even forced their children to smoke tobacco as a 'cure'!

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The richer members of society paid for health certificates which allowed them to leave the city

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It was called the Black Death due to the dark patches which appeared on the body during the illness

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Only plague doctors or nurses could enter the homes of the sick

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Cats and dogs were slaughtered in their hundreds and people were paid to do this

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All the lines in this nursery rhyme refer to one of the aspects of the plague

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The fire burnt a lot of the most infected parts of the city and helped to end the epidemic