

The Black Death

The Bubonic Plague during the Middle Ages

“The flea... regurgitates the blood from the rat into the human, infecting the human. The rat dies. The human dies. The flea lives a long and happy life. Nature has a morbid sense of humor.”

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European Tour
1347 - 1351

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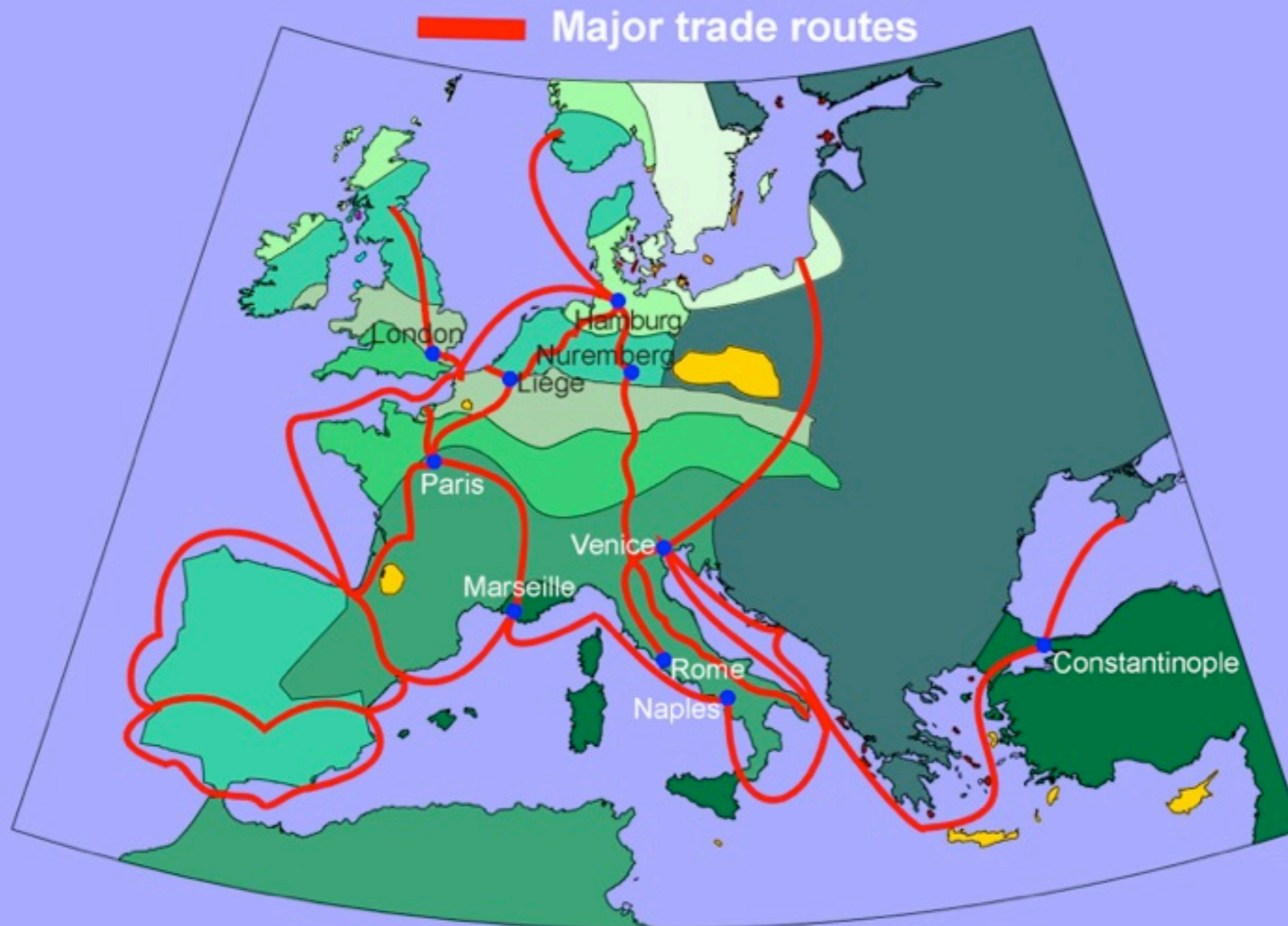
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- By 1348, the disease had spread across Europe to England

The Spread of the Black Death

December 1347	June 1349	December 1350
June 1348	December 1349	After 1351
December 1348	June 1350	Areas partially or totally spared



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- People wanted someone to blame, sometimes persecuted the Jews

Writing prompt

Imagine you are living during the Middle Ages and the Black Death has arrived in your village. Write a letter to a friend in another town telling them about this terrible plague. How does it affect people, how is it spread, what is the reaction of the community, and how do you feel about it?

- Three paragraphs, Intro, Body, and Conclusion.
- Proper punctuation, spelling and grammar.
- Use descriptive words.