

Task #1

Use the documents and sources provided to help you answer the following questions on lined paper, using full sentences and the Proper Writing Format.

1. Look at the map provided (source #1).
 - a. Which areas of Europe were hit first with the outbreak of plague?
 - b. What do the arrows show?
 - c. Are there any areas that were not really affected by the plague?
2. Where does Boccaccio (source #2) say that the plague came from? What are some of the reasons that he gives for this “deadly pestilence”?
3. (Source #3) **List** and **describe** the three “types” of plague.
4. Read/view source #5 about the plague doctor, or “beak doctor.”
 - a. Why did the plague doctors’ mask have a beak?
 - b. What do you think peoples’ reactions to seeing this doctor were? How would you feel if you were suffering from the plague and this showed up at your house?

Task #2

Use the documents and sources provided to help you answer the following questions on lined paper, using full sentences and the Proper Writing Format.

1. Read the primary source
 - a. What did medieval people think caused the plague?
 - b. What were the Jews accused of, and what happened to them?
 - c. Does Jean de Venette think that these accusations against the Jews were true? What does he think were the causes?
2. View source #2: What actually caused the plague (according to scientists today)?
3. View sources #3-4 and answer the following questions:
 - a. How were the dead bodies of plague victims dealt with?
 - b. How might this contribute to the spread of the disease?