


# The Black Death

## NEWSPAPER REPORT








Imagine that you live in a town or village in the Middle Ages. Write a newspaper front page reporting the causes and effects of the Black Death on your town.

### **Make up a suitable name for your paper**

 You'll need a dramatic **headline** - eg *The Black Death Strikes Crewe!*

**Don't forget—a newspaper is printed in columns.**

Suggestions for your Report:

-  Who has been struck down? The Mayor? The Headteacher?  
Your best friend?
-  What are the symptoms (signs) to look out for?
-  What do people or doctors think caused the disease?  
**(Remember people in the Middle Ages did not know it was caused by bacteria which were carried by fleas living on Black Rats)**
-  How many people have died?
-  What are people saying or doing to get away?
-  What do you think might happen to the land if most people die?
-  How might survivors benefit?

 **You'll need pictures - find out the symptoms - draw a victim!!!**