

Sample Pre-reading Activity #1. Cloze Summary

THE PLAGUE

Working with your partners, try to fill in the blanks in the following article summary.

The Black Death was so called because it changed the _____ of the victim's _____. The disease originated in _____ but soon spread to _____, leaving millions of _____ dead. The _____ is caused by a _____ which is spread by _____. Although the disease can be _____, it unfortunately is often mistaken for _____.

Sample Pre-reading Activity #2. Prediction/Questions

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Write down at least five questions you would like to have answered by reading an article on the plague.

Sample Pre-reading Activity #3. True/False

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Mark each statement *True* or *False*.

1. The plague originated in Europe.
2. The plague is transmitted to humans by animals.
3. There is no known cure for the plague.
4. The United States currently has the highest death rate from the plague.
5. The plague is often mistaken for influenza,

Sample Pre-reading Activity #4. KWL Task

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How much do you know about the plague?

With your partners, fill in the first two columns of the following chart.

<u>What do you <i>know</i>?</u>	<u>What do you <i>want</i> to learn?</u>	<u>What did you <i>learn</i>?</u>

Sample Pre-reading Activity #5. Prediction/Discourse Structure

WHAT COMES FIRST?

In groups, predict the organization of the text.

Number the topics in the order in which they will occur in the text. Which topic will come first? Second? Next?

_____ Treatment?

_____ What is it?

_____ Where? When? Past

_____ Cause?

_____ Where? When? Now