

QUESTION 2

What would you have done when you heard about the plague?

- A** You had enough money. You could afford not to work for a while. You isolated. You became a **recluse**. Recluses live apart from others.
- B** You were rich. You went to your country home. You quarantined with a few family members.
- C** You were poor. You had to continue to work. You had to go into the cities.

Infected people were quarantined in lazarettos.



SURVIVAL BY THE NUMBERS

- The Black Death killed **75 million to 200 million** people. This was **30 to 60 percent** of Europe's people.
- In some villages, **80 to 90 percent** of their populations died.
- The Black Death reduced the world's population in the 14th century from **475 million to 350 million** people.
- At its worst, about **800** dead bodies were buried per day. On average, **20 to 60** bodies were buried daily. Many bodies were buried in the same pit.
- It took **300 to 400** years for population numbers to recover after the Black Death.
- The World Health Organization is in charge of public health. It states there are still **1,000 to 3,000** cases of plague every year.
- After infection, it takes **2 to 6** days for a bubonic plague victim to be sick.
- Without treatment, the bubonic plague kills up to **60 percent** of victims.
- Over **80 percent** of U.S. plague cases are bubonic plague. An average of **7** cases are reported per year.