

Year 2 Block 3 History Knowledge Organiser - The Great Plague and Great Fire of London

Timeline of the Great Plague & Great Fire of London

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| 1. 1664 | The Great Plague comes to England |
| 2. 1665 | The Great Plague arrives in London and kills an estimated 100,000 people |
| 3. 1666 | The Great Plague spreads to other parts of the England |
| 4. 1666 | Great Fire of London |

Plague Symptoms

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| 1. Fever |
| 2. Vomitting |
| 3. Buboos - painful swellings on the neck, armpits and groin |
| 4. Bruises and blisters |
| 5. Coughing up blood |

Plague Remedies

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| 1. 'Cures' for the plague included the letters 'abracadabra' written in a triangle, a lucky hare's foot, dried toad, leeches, and pressing a plucked chicken against the plague-sores until it died. |
| 2. Houses where someone got the plague were shut up, and marked with a red cross. 'God have mercy upon us' was written on the door. |
| 3. Fires in the streets to purify the air. |
| 4. People carried bottles of perfume and wore lucky charms. |

Timeline of the Great Fire of London

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| 1. Sunday 2nd September 1666 | 1am – The fire begins 3am – The Lord Mayor goes to look at the fire, but decides it is not too bad, so goes back to bed 7am – The fire has spread 11am – The Mayor orders the pulling down of houses, having been instructed by the King, who was informed by Samuel Pepys 3pm – The King sails down the River Thames to observe the fire |
| 2. Monday 3rd September 1666 | The government order fire posts to be set up. |
| 3. Tuesday 4th September 1666 | The fire reaches its peak. |
| 4. Wednesday 5th September 1666 | The wind changes direction, blowing the fire towards the River Thames. |
| 5. Thursday 6th September 1666 | The final fires are extinguished. |

Signifiant People during the Great Fire

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| 1. Thomas Farriner - Owner of the bakery in Pudding Lane where the fire started. |
| 2. Thomas Bludworth - Lord Mayor of London, famous for not taking the fire seriously and going back to bed. |
| 3. Samuel Pepys - Wrote about the event in his diary, and reported the fire to the King. |
| 4. Charles II - The King at the the time, he sailed down the Thames to see the fire. |
| 5. Sir Christopher Wren - The architect who redesigned London after the fire. |

Map of London from 1666



Vocabulary

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| 1. Buboos | Swelling on the neck, armpit or groin. |
| 2. Disease | An illness. |
| 3. Contagious | Passed from one person to another by contact. |
| 4. Epidemic | A disease that spreads more quickly and more extensively. |
| 5. Mortalty | Death. |
| 6. Port | A place where ships and boats can dock, load and unload. |
| 7. Population | All the people who live in a place. |
| 8. Remedy | A medicine or treatment for a disease or injury. |
| 9. Apothecary | A person who prepared medicines. |