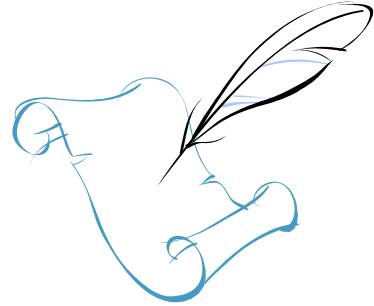


You need to write a letter to people in your village who were born after the plague, to help them understand what a terrible a time this was! Your letter will describe and explain the effects of the plague.



To help you structure your letter, you should choose at least three things that changed as a result of the Black Death and at least one thing that stayed the same. A good structure might look like this:

- explaining the symptoms of the plague, and perhaps telling your friend if any of your friends and family died
- three things that have changed as a result of the Black Death
- one thing that has stayed the same
- how the plague has affected you personally.

### Success criteria

*A good letter will:*

- ✓ describe the effects of the Black Death in detail
- ✓ explain why the plague has brought about change
- ✓ really get into the thoughts of a medieval person at the time.

*An excellent letter will also:*

- ✓ consider a wide range of factors and look at the big picture.





Dear .....

What a terrible time we have been through. It has been ten years since the dreadful Black Death struck our village of ..... but we are reminded of its horrors every day. Our lives have changed a great deal.

You were lucky to escape such an awful disease. The symptoms were truly horrifying. First of all, the victim would .....

On the second day, .....

On the third day they would usually .....

By the fourth day, .....

and if they survived to the fifth day, .....

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I was lucky to survive, but my ..... died in agony.

The Black Death has changed our lives in several ways. First of all, .....

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This has meant that .....

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Also, .....

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This has meant that .....

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Finally, .....

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This has meant that .....

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However, it seems that some things will never change. Still .....

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We are slowly recovering from the terrible Black Death. I hope we shall never see the like again.

Your friend,

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