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The Story of the World

Chapter 25 Test: The End of the World

A. Fill in the blanks.

1. People first heard of a strange sickness from distant parts of _____ _____.
2. The people of Europe called the sickness the _____.
3. Today, we know that it was an illness called _____ plague.
4. The disease was spread by _____ that lived on _____.

B. Multiple Choice. Circle the letter of the best choice.

5. What symptoms did people with the mysterious illness have?
   a. headache and fever
   b. coughing and sneezing
   c. lumps under their arms
   d. all of the above
6. Most people who got sick died within _____.
   a. one week
   b. two weeks
   c. one month
   d. three days
7. What reasons did people of the Middle Ages give for the sickness?
   a. They thought it was the judgment of God.
   b. They thought it was caused by hurricanes.
   c. They thought it was caused by all of the rats swarming through their cities.
   d. all of the above

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8. What did people carry with them to keep the sickness away?

    a. flowers and herbs

    b. scarves

    c. swords

    d. tissues

9. What happened to farms during the sickness?

    a. Grain wasn't harvested and fields grew weedy.

    b. Farm animals were killed for food.

    c. Fields were burned to try to prevent the sickness from spreading.

    d. all of the above

10. Why did people begin moving to cities?

    a. They were tired of living in the country.

    b. Many of the villages were wiped out and never rebuilt.

    c. People hoped they would be safer in the cities.

    d. all of the above

11. What happened to the empty houses in the country?

    a. They were burned down.

    b. Peasants moved in and became the new owners.

    c. They remained empty until they collapsed.

    d. They were sold to foreigners.

12. Why did forests spring up all over Europe?

    a. People thought more trees would help the air become cleaner.

    b. Farmers planted trees so that they could harvest the timber.

    c. There weren't enough people to farm the land so fields turned into forests.

    d. Doctors said that trees could be used for medicine.

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C. True or False. Write "true" or "false."

_____ 13. The mysterious sickness killed one out of every three people.

_____ 14. Villagers who lived near the Black Sea blamed foreign merchants for bringing the sickness.

_____ 15. In the city of Caffa, dead bodies were thrown over the wall using catapults.

_____ 16. People believed that sleeping on your stomach would cause you to get sick.

_____ 17. After the sickness, apprenticeships usually lasted longer than they did before the sickness.

_____ 18. The nursery rhyme "Little Bo Peep" got its start in the days of the sickness.

D. Answer the following question using complete sentences.

19. After the sickness, why did peasants become wealthier while noblemen became poorer?

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