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Do Now: 11/8

- Take your NEW seat and get out your Ottoman worksheet and Obituary.
- Have out your Unit 2 Timeline and World Map
- Respond to the following question:
What was the BLACK DEATH?



The Black Death

- Bubonic plague of 1350
- originally from Gobi Desert by Mongolia
- brought into Europe through trade
- deadly **pandemics**
- Total dead: 75 million people (25-50 million in Europe)

Gobi Desert



The Mongols

- Nomadic Warriors from Mongolia
- Genghis Khan
- Built largest land empire in history
- Destroyed Russia



Mongol Empire

- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/
File:Mongol_Empire_map.gif](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Mongol_Empire_map.gif)

How did it spread?

- Spread by the fleas on rats
- Rats infected with plague
- Fleas bite humans and share infected blood

The Oriental Rat Flea



Nasty

What did it do?

- Flea bites would become black sores
- Flu/fever/cold symptoms
- Nosebleeds
- Sores pop and you die



Effect on Population

- About 1/3 of Europe dies
- Cities recovered faster

Effect on Economy

- Cities were left crippled by the plague
- Commerce slowed to a halt
- The peasants bore the brunt

What were the Cultural Effects?

- Universities and schools left empty
- Churches left empty
- General loss of faith/belief in Churches/
God

Black Death Art

- Art grows more and more morbid, stark
- The *danse macabre*
- This style depicts skeletons intermingling with the living in everyday scenes



Danse Macabre



The worst part ...

- There wasn't just one plague
- Never as bad as first time
- Parts of Europe did not recover to pre-plague populations until the 17th Century

Quick Questions

- What was the human impact of the Black Death?
- What would it have been like to have lived during this time?