

Late Middle Ages Primary Source Questions

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1. Read the *Opposing Viewpoints* documents on page 302 and answer this **historical causation** question. How could Boccaccio's explanation lead to distrust of religious authorities? How much should a historian trust a confession extracted by torture?
2. Look at the map Spread of the Black Death on page 303. Is there a general pattern between distance from Sicily and the elapsed time before a region was infected with the plague?
3. Read *The Cremation of the Strasbourg Jews* on page 304 and answer this **appropriate use of relevant historical evidence** question. Why might someone believe von Konigshofen's assertion that the Jews were killed for their money?
4. Read *A Revolt of French Peasants* on page 307 and answer this **historical causation** question. What might have been the peasants' complaints against their lords? How did the Black Death contribute to their unrest?
5. Read *The Hundred Years' War* on page 310 and answer this **appropriate use of relevant historical evidence** question. How reliable is Froissart's account? If French soldiers had sacked an English town, would the account have been different?

