

# History - The Great Plague

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## Overview

This topic examines how the Great Plague of 1665 affected London and beyond. We will undertake research to establish facts how the people of Eyam made great sacrifices to try to halt the spread of the disease. We will also consider why the disease spread quickly and why there was no cure.

## Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Chronology	The arrangement of events in order of their occurrence.
Epidemic	An outbreak of a disease that spreads quickly.
Population	All of the people who live in a given area.
Port	A place where ships and boats can load and unload.
Quarantine	Isolation (being alone) because of a disease.
Monarch	The ruler of a country (King or Queen)
Plague	A dangerous illness that spreads quickly.
Contagious	A disease which spreads by having contact with an infected person.
Buboes/boils	A swollen gland in the armpit or groin.
Plague Pit	A mass grave where victims of the plague were buried.
Bills of Mortality	The weekly list of deaths and their causes



## Key knowledge

- Describe some of the main events of The Great Plague.
- Understand that the plague spread quickly and there was no cure.
- Understand that the plague was spread by rats in the towns and through lack of hygiene.
- Understand the sacrifice made by the people who lived and died in Eyam.
- Consider why the disease spread so quickly.
- Describe what impact the plague had on trade in the city of London.

