

CAUSATION: THE BLACK DEATH

Purpose

Building your causal reasoning skills and your understanding of cause and consequence will help you understand change over time and strengthen your ability to develop arguments in response to a prompt.

Process

1. **Brainstorm:** Using what you've learned about the Black Death, write all the possible causes and consequences that led to the spread of this disease in the chart below. If you need to refresh your memory, review "[Trade Networks and the Black Death](#)" and [Source Collection: The Black Death](#).

Causes of the Black Death	Consequences of the Black Death

2. On the next page, you'll see the Causation Tool.
 - Fill in the information about the event (dates, location, description).
 - Categorize the causes you've brainstormed into long term, intermediate term, and short term.

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Causation Tool

1. Add the event you are analyzing and corresponding information. Then, if your teacher asks you to create a causal map, use your answers here to help construct that causal representation.

Event	
Dates	
Location	
Brief description	


2. List your causes and use the legend to help you label type and role.

Causes: Long-term	Intermediate-term	Short-term

3. List the effects of the event and use the legend to help you label type and role.

Effects

Legend

Type		Role
(P) Political (I) Innovation (S) Economic	(C) Cultural (E) Environmental (S) Social	 Triggering event—the most immediate cause of an event <u>Necessary</u> <u>Relevant</u>