

WHAT REALLY CAUSED THE BLACK DEATH?

THE BLACK DEATH FIRST STARTED IN CHINA AND DUE TO TRADE, IT ARRIVED IN EUROPE IN 1347. ON THE SHIPS THERE WAS RATS AND THEY WERE CARRYING THE FLEAS WHICH HAD THE BACTERIA IN THEIR STOMACHS .

ALSO THE FLEAS LIVED IN BAD HYGIENE WHICH WAS ALL ON THE STREETS. IN ITALY, IN JANUARY ARRIVED THREE SHIPS FROM GENOA BUT NOBODY WOULD GO NEAR THE SHIPS EVEN THOUGH THEY CARRIED VALUABLE CARGO OF SPICES. IN FRANCE THE BLACK DEATH HAD ALREADY HIT.

BUT IN JUNE 1348 IN ENGLAND, TWO SHIPS SAILED INTO MELCOMBE HARBOUR AND AS THE RATS SCURRIED DOWN THE PLANK. BEFORE WEYMOUTH HAD BEEN HIT BY THE BLACK DEATH AND SOON ALL OVER ENGLAND HAD BEEN HIT.