Year 8 Humanities: Disrupter: Black Death - Plague (Events)

**Key Concept:** Systems  
**Global Context:** Orientation in Space and Time  
**Statement of Inquiry:** Human societies are always developing in structure and expression of ideas

Guidelines for the written response (500 words)

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| **Introduction** | (50-100 words)  
Introduce your ‘disruptor’ to your reader with 4 or 5 sentences explaining the impact it had on the development of the structure and/or the expression of ideas in medieval society. How was medieval society changed as a result of your ‘disruptor’ and in what ways? List the ideas that you will expand upon in the body of your written response. Each of the ideas that you mention should have an in-text citation.  

For example:  
The Black Death was an infamous plague causing an estimated 20 million deaths in Europe. Its spread and impact is disputed, but it does give an insight into a medieval way of life. Doctor were powerless against infectious disease. People were weakened by war and harvest failures. Germs, the fleas which carried them, and the rats which carried the fleas, flourished in the dirty towns. *(BBC Bitesize, 2019)* |
| **Body Main ideas** | Identify and explain in detail, 3 or 4 ways in which your ‘disruptor’ influenced or changed the development of the structure of society and/or the expression of ideas.  

**Idea 1:**  
An explanation of the Black Death and who it affected. What was the treatment of illness like at the time?  

**Idea 2:**  
The impact the Black Death had on Medieval society. How did the Black Death change the structure of the society? Did the disease have any impact on the ideas expressed in society. Did the ideas of the time play a part in the management of treating the Black Death?  

**Idea 3:**  
Discuss your opinion and those of historians about the impact the Black Death had on Medieval society and the people – positive and negative.  

**Idea 4:**  
Discuss the changes to Medieval society as a result of the Black Death. What does this tell us about the ideas of the people in Medieval society?  

Each idea in this section should have in-text citations showing a wide range of sources that you have used. Anything that is not your own idea, or the work of others must be acknowledged, even if you change (paraphrase) the words into your own. |
| **Conclusion** | (50-100 words)  
Finally, draw the main points together about how the ideas have impacted and contributed to the development of society and the expression of ideas. |
| **References** | A bibliography is to be submitted on a separate page using the Harvard style in alphabetical order.  
Remember to edit each citation when you use MyBib and to use the copy and paste function when you have completed your bibliography and seek assistance from the teacher-librarians.  

**Bibliography (end-text) example:**  