

BLACK DEATH CODEX

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HOW TO USE THIS CODEX



1. Go to www.wolseyacademy.com
2. Find 'Black Death' Game
3. Explore England & talk to all the characters.
4. Complete the codex as you go!

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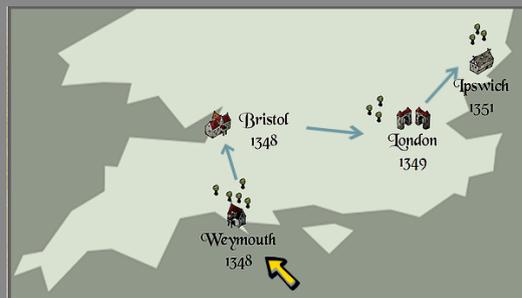
HOW TO PLAY

Visit walseyacademy.com/blackdeath

Download the codex

Select 'Weymouth' from the map as your first location to visit.

Explore the town, talk to the people, answers the questions in the codex.



HINTS:

1. Once you're in a town you have to close the browser to return to the map screen.
2. If you receive a loading error please refresh the browser or try a different one (Switch from Chrome to Firefox or Internet Explorer, for example)
3. You can enter all buildings with signs above the doors (see below).



If building has a sign above the door you can enter -->

<-- If building has no sign above the door you can not enter.



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WEYMOUTH (1/2)

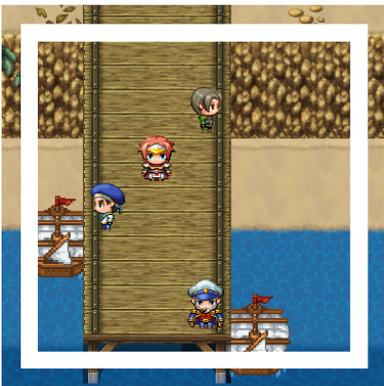
JETTY & STREET

A coastal town in Devon where the plague first entered England

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What does the word 'population' mean?

Business 



Where have the sailors on the jetty just been? Where are they heading next?

Why are they worried?

Talk to the two knights: Which two countries has Edward III recently defeated in battle?

Why do one of the knights believe that "times are good?"

Why does the mother feel confident to have more children?

Tip:
Talk to all the characters to discover the answers.

WEYMOUTH (2/2)

THE PUB

What does the engineer by the table say that suggests the local Lord is feeling optimistic for the future?



What does Peter the Merchany buy (import) from France and what does he sell (export)?



According to the engineer at the bar, why is the country growing so fast?

What has the pub Landlord heard is happening in Southern Europe?



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BRISTOL (1/2)

BRISTOL

A large trading port on the West coast of England near the border with Wales.

What fraction of the city has been killed by the pestilence (the plague)?

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What is the difference between the two events: The Black Death and the Great Plague?

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What were the two types of plague?
Which was more dangerous?

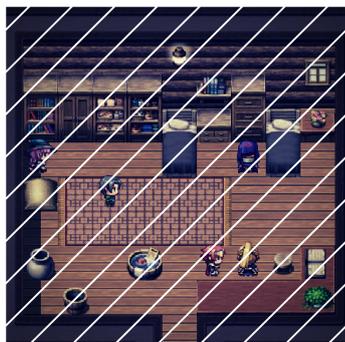
What do the lymph nodes do and why did they swell up into buboes?

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Visit the house with the plague victim and list the symptoms they are suffering:



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Talk to all the characters to discover the answers.

BRISTOL (2/2)

WHY DO WE FIGHT?

What does the Bayliff's Court arrange?

Give an example of one person's inheritance problems:

All the examples in the game are real examples taken from the research done by Ben Gummer in his 2010 book 'The Scourging Angel: The Black Death and the British Isles.'



BAYLIFF'S COURT

A place where land and inheritance disputes could be settled.



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LONDON

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The Capital City of
England



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Who developed Germ
Theory and when?

Who died more than most
people? Why was that
suspicious?



History of
Medicine

VISIT ALL THE AREAS AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS...

Make a list of the remedies and cures people
are trying...

1.

2.

3.

Who does the Barber's Surgeon think he can do the
job cheaper than?

Where did the physician study medicine? Who
else studied medicine there?

What does the priest in the church think you should
do to avoid the plague?

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TOWER OF LONDON

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First built by William the Conqueror in 1066. Used as a Royal Residence (and then a prison) ever since.



Access the Castle by walking North off the map, over the bridge.



WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER?

Who has King Edward III lost to the plague?

What is the Chief Justice doing with the dead bodies?
Why do you think he is doing this?

What has the Lord Treasurer ordered to try and stop the spread of the plague? Why does he think this will work?

Which cures or preventions do you think would have been the most effective? Why?

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IPSWICH (1/2)

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An important trading port on the East Coast of England - a lot of the regions wool and crops are sold to Europe here.



How has increased trade at the port benefitted the roper?



A BRIGHTER FUTURE?

Why are people buying more horses?

Why does the King's Justice think the Ordinance of Labourers (or Statute of Labourers) is an important law?

Where is the villein in the woods going? why?

Why are some people questioning the Church?

What does England sell to Rotterdam?

Tip:
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IPSWICH (2/2)

IPSWICH



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Why can the peasants demand higher wages?

THE RECOVERY...?

What are John Cobbold (in the pub) and Guymer trying to do to attract new workers to their land?

Why does the King's Justice think the Ordinance of Labourers (or Statute of Labourers) is an important law?

What does the priest use to help him tell bible stories (apart from the bible)?

What does the rood screen do?

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