

Name : _____ Date : _____ Age : _____
 Title : The Black Death Running words : 251 Reading Age : 11-12 Level 6

A plague is any disease which causes the death of many people at one time.
 Different kinds of plagues have cursed the human race throughout history.
 The most feared and widespread of all plagues was known as "The Black Death". The disease was carried by fleas on rats and once people became infected it was passed on very easily to others.
 This disease started with a fever followed by painful swelling of the glands.
 It was called the Black Death because the victims got red spots on their skin which turned black. People with the Black Death died very quickly, usually within three days. There was no cure for it. Nothing that the doctors tried worked.
 The worst outbreak of the disease was in the 14th century in Europe and Asia. Twenty five percent of the population died and it continued to be a problem for the next three hundred years.
 Normal life almost came to a standstill and law and order broke down.
 Crops were left to wither in the fields and cattle wandered about untended.
 Houses were deserted as some people left the cities to try and escape.
 People, even children, were left to die on their own by their families.
 Dead bodies were dumped in the street or buried in mass graves.
 Everyone was in a state of panic and worried only about their own survival.
 The plague still exists today but modern medicine means you have a fifty percent chance of surviving if you get it.

Analysis of uncorrected reading miscues
 Circle cues used during miscue

1.	M	V	S	
2.	M	V	S	
3.	M	V	S	
4.	M	V	S	
5.	M	V	S	
6.	M	V	S	
97% 7.	M	V	S	
Instructional Level	8.	M	V	S
	9.	M	V	S
	10.	M	V	S
	11.	M	V	S
	12.	M	V	S
	13.	M	V	S
	14.	M	V	S
	15.	M	V	S
94% 16.	M	V	S	
17.	M	V	S	
18.	M	V	S	
19.	M	V	S	
20.	M	V	S	

Analysis of self corrections
 Circle cues used during miscue self correction

1.	M	V	S	M	V	S
2.	M	V	S	M	V	S
3.	M	V	S	M	V	S
4.	M	V	S	M	V	S
5.	M	V	S	M	V	S
6.	M	V	S	M	V	S
7.	M	V	S	M	V	S
8.	M	V	S	M	V	S
9.	M	V	S	M	V	S
10.	M	V	S	M	V	S

Accuracy Pass 97%		Comments about reading behaviour : Recommended Instructional Reading Age :
Retelling Pass 50%		
Comprehension Pass 75%		

LITERAL COMPREHENSION : The Black Death

Level 6

Section A : Retell

Section B : Questions to check Comprehension

After initial reading by the student, give them the opportunity to reread the passage silently before attempting retelling. Number responses to indicate retelling sequence. Score half if some details are left out.

After retelling, tick boxes in this section that have already been covered by the student in Section A. Use the questions below to check comprehension of events or details that the student has not retold in Section A.

1. A plague is any disease which causes the death of many people at one time <input type="checkbox"/>	1. What is a plague ? <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Different kinds of plagues have cursed the human race throughout history <input type="checkbox"/>	2. What has been the effect of plagues ? <input type="checkbox"/>
3. The most feared and widespread of all plagues was know as the Black Death <input type="checkbox"/>	3. Why was the Black Death important ? <input type="checkbox"/>
4. The disease was carried by fleas on rats It was passed on very easily to others <input type="checkbox"/>	4. How was the disease carried ? <input type="checkbox"/>
5. The disease started with a fever followed by painful swelling of the glands <input type="checkbox"/>	5. How would people know they had it ? <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Was called Black Death because the victims got red spots on their skin that turned black <input type="checkbox"/>	6. Why was it called the Black Death <input type="checkbox"/>
7. People with the Black Death died quickly, usually within 3 days <input type="checkbox"/>	7. What happened to people who caught the Black Death ? <input type="checkbox"/>
8. There was no cure for it Nothing the doctors tried worked <input type="checkbox"/>	8. Why did they all die ? <input type="checkbox"/>
9. The worst outbreak of the disease was in the 14th century <input type="checkbox"/>	9. When was the Black Death at its worst ? <input type="checkbox"/>
10. In Europe and Asia <input type="checkbox"/>	10. Whereabouts did this outbreak of the Black Death occur ? <input type="checkbox"/>
11. 25% of the populuation died and it continued to be a problem for the next 300 years <input type="checkbox"/>	11. How many people died ? How long did it last for ? <input type="checkbox"/>
12. Normal life almost came to a standstill Law and order broke down <input type="checkbox"/>	12. What effect did it have on normal life ? What broke down as a result of the plague ? <input type="checkbox"/>
13. Crops were left to wither in the fields Cattle wandered about untended <input type="checkbox"/>	13. What happened to the crops and cattle ? <input type="checkbox"/>
14. Houses were deserted as some people left the cities to try and escape <input type="checkbox"/>	14. How did some people try to escape the plague ? <input type="checkbox"/>
15. People, even children, were left to die on their own by their families <input type="checkbox"/>	15. What happened to people who were dying ? <input type="checkbox"/>
16. Dead bodies were dumped in the street or buried in mass graves <input type="checkbox"/>	16. What happened to all the dead bodies ? <input type="checkbox"/>
17. Everyone was in a state of panic They only worried about their own survival <input type="checkbox"/>	17. How did everyone feel ? What were they worried about ? <input type="checkbox"/>
18. The plague still exists today. If you get it you have a 50% chance of surviving <input type="checkbox"/>	18. What information is there about the Black Death today ? <input type="checkbox"/>

RETELL TOTAL
(PASS 50% = 9)

INFERENCEAL COMPREHENSION

19. What does it mean when it says that law and order broke down ? *People did what they liked etc.*

20. Why were cattle and crops left untended ?
Farmers were dead or didn't care anymore.

COMPREHENSION
TOTAL (PASS 75% = 15)