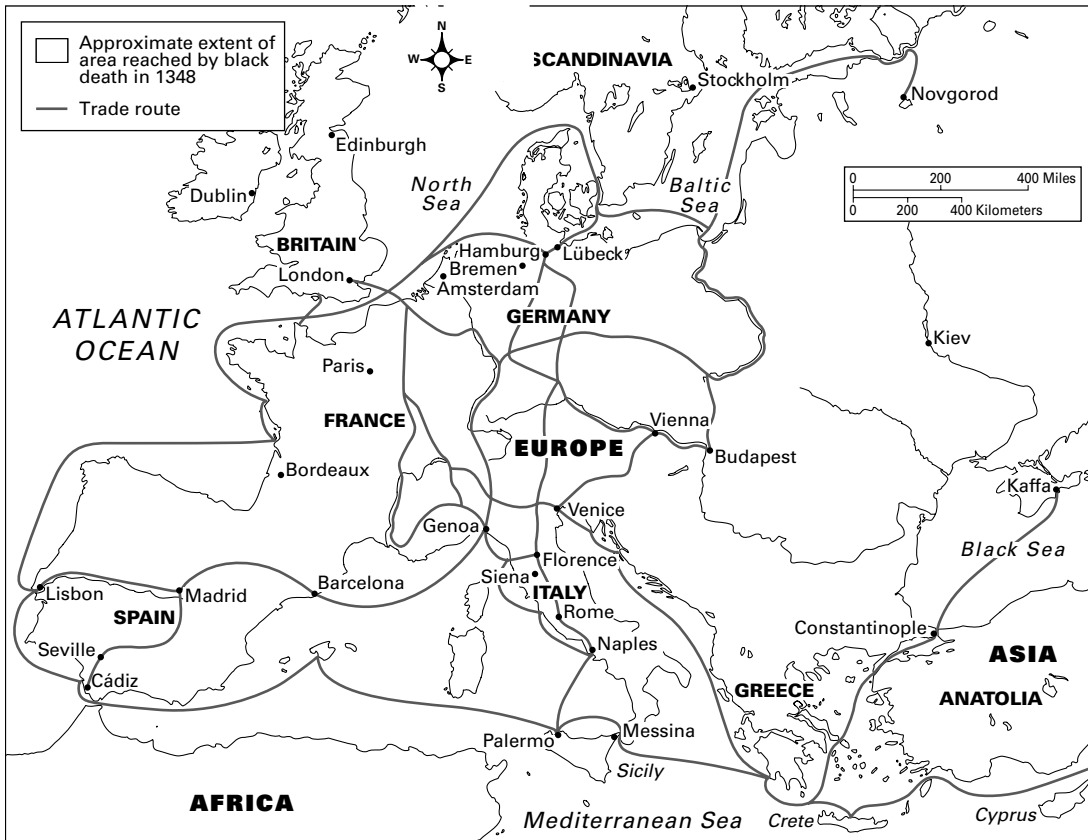


The Black Death

During the 1300s a deadly plague spread from Asia to Europe. Traders sailing the sea routes from Asia to the Mediterranean unknowingly brought rats carrying the disease aboard their ships. The disease spread rapidly from Mediterranean ports inland. Within a few years the plague swept through much of Europe and millions of people died.



MAP ACTIVITY

1. Number each event on the time line to show the order in which each event occurred. Find the location of each event on the map and write its number on the map.
2. On the map, use a bright color to trace the route of the ships that carried the Black Death from Kaffa to Constantinople.
3. Use a different bright color to trace the sea routes where the Black Death spread from Constantinople to Lübeck.

4. Update the map legend to show the colors that you added to the map.

ANALYZING MAPS

1. **Movement** In what country did the Black Death start?

2. **Place** What countries in Europe had the Black Death spread to by 1348?

3. **Evaluate** Why do you think the Black Death spread to more areas in Europe than it did in Asia?

4. **Human/Environment Interaction** Why do you think the Black Death affected more cities near the Mediterranean Sea than near the Black Sea?
