

## Comprehension

1. **Recall** How long did it take for the bubonic plague to wipe out one-third of Europe's population?
2. **Recall** Why did the depopulation of Europe encourage technological developments?
3. **Summarize** What was life like in Europe in the Middle Ages before the Black Death swept through?

## Critical Analysis

4. **Identify Author's Main Idea** Writers choose the details that will best support the main idea they want to convey. What main idea is Cowan supporting in this article?
5. **Examine Cause and Effect** Why did food prices drop after the Black Death swept through western Europe?
6. **Analyze Graphic Aids** What information does the bar graph on page 904 give you that the text does not?
7. **Evaluate** What were some positive changes caused by the spread of this deadly disease?

## Comparing Patterns of Organization

Now that you've read both articles, finish filling in your chart. Then use the chart to help you identify each article's pattern of organization.

	<i>"Like Black Smoke"</i>	<i>"A World Turned Upside Down"</i>
<i>Purpose</i>		
<i>Main Idea and Supporting Details</i>	<i>Black Death travels from the East.</i>	<i>Plague reversed Europe's social structure.</i>
<i>Type of Organization</i>		