

## **Questions related to Boccaccio's Account of the Black Death**

1. To which year and what city does Boccaccio's account refer?
2. According to Boccaccio, what were two possible causes of the plague?
3. Where did the plague originate and how far had it spread?
4. Explain the origin of the term, "bubonic plague."
5. How effective were the doctors in treating the disease?
6. Describe the survival rate for people who caught the plague.
7. Describe just how contagious the plague was.

8. List and briefly describe the four different approaches to dealing with the plague.

9. What did people do for sick family members?

10. What was done with all the bodies as people died? Describe the three steps in the process.

11. How many people were believed to have died in Florence from the plague, and over how many months did all these deaths occur?

12. How quickly did many people go from being healthy to dead?