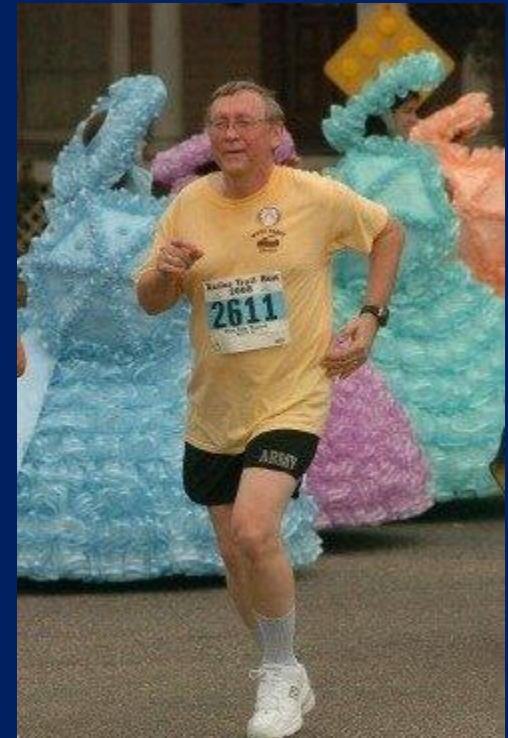




Chapter 11-A

Crises and Disintegration in the Fourteenth Century



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HI-101 Western Civilization I

Oct. 28	Article 3 Approved Stallworth Lecture (USA)	Extra Credit
Oct. 29	On-Line Quiz (Ch. 11)	
Nov. 4	Article 3 Due	
Nov. 5	On-Line Quiz (Ch. 12)	
Nov. 8	Blakeley State Park	Extra Credit
Nov. 10	Review Session – 2-4 pm	
Nov. 11	EXAM 3 (Chapters 9-12)	

Extra Credit

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Stallworth Lecture

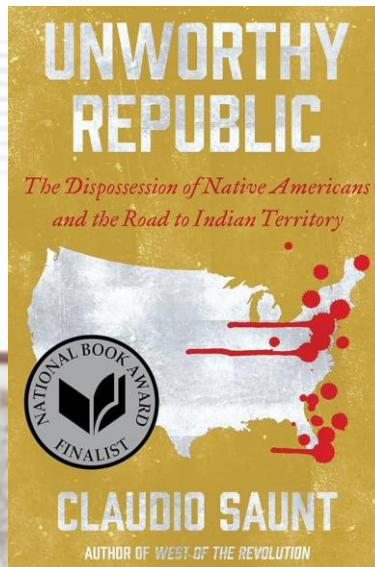


***Tuesday, October 28
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Laidlaw Performing Arts Center

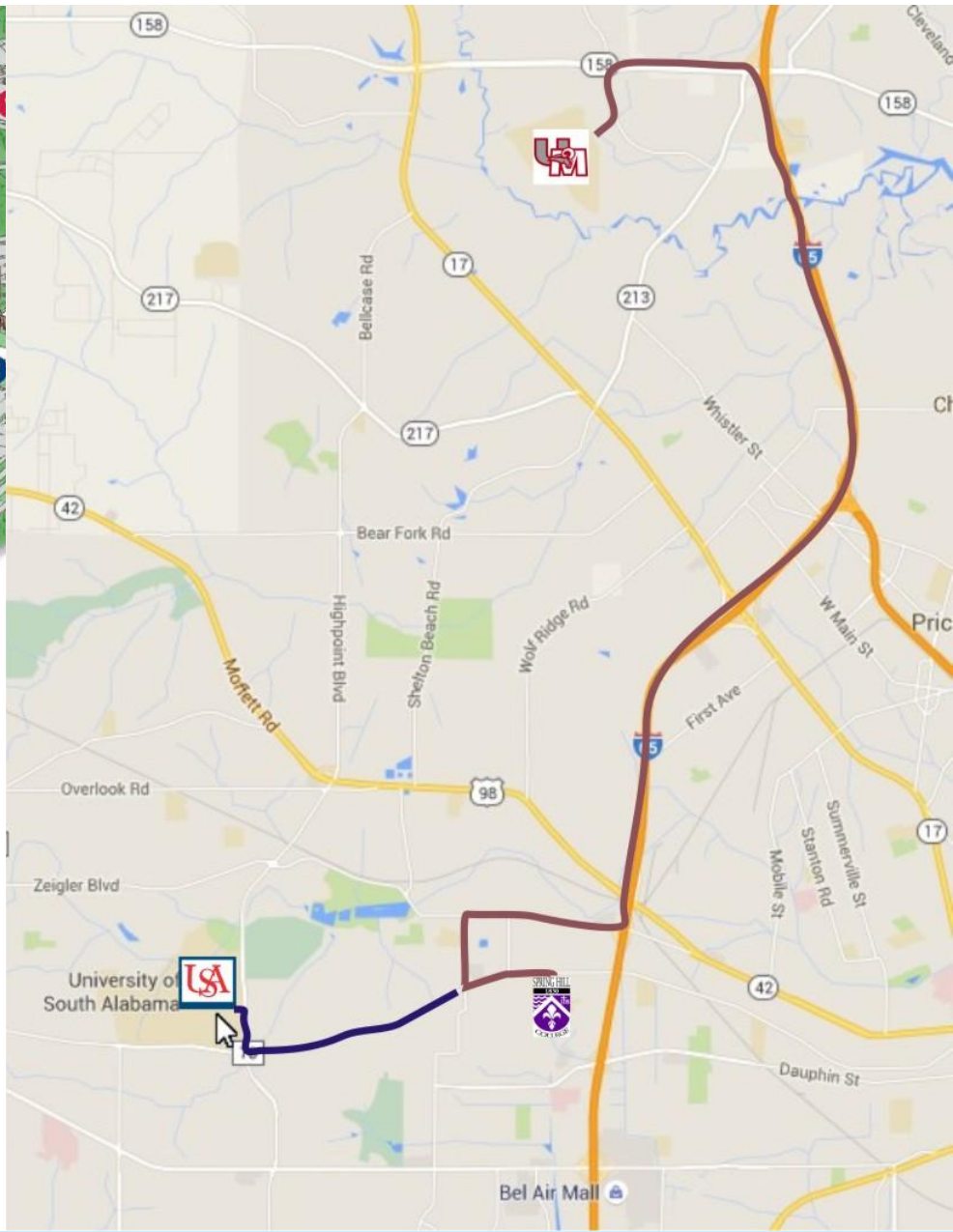
Claudio Saunt

**Professor of American History
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Claudio Saunt is a Richard B. Russell Professor in American History at the University of Georgia, Athens. He additionally serves as the associate director of the Institute of Native American Studies. *Unworthy Republic* (2020) provides a multilayered account of the expulsions of Native Americans from their homes in the eastern United States to territories west of the Mississippi.

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Annual Veterans Day Program

Date: *Saturday, November 8, 2025*
Time: *9:00 AM-2:00 PM*
Price: *Cruise \$27/adults and \$17/kids. General admission \$5/adults and \$3/kids*

Schedule of Events:

Civil War Artillery Demonstrations

9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Civil War on the Eastern Shore Cruise

10:00-11:30 AM

Lecture by Dr. Kent Masterson Brown, author of *Meade at Gettysburg: A Study in Command*

12:15-1:15 PM

Grave Dedication-Blakeley Cemetery

We honor the grave of the partial remains of a soldier who fell during the siege of Spanish Fort and dedicate it as a memorial to all of those who died during the Campaign for Mobile whose final resting places are yet unmarked.

1:30-1:45 PM

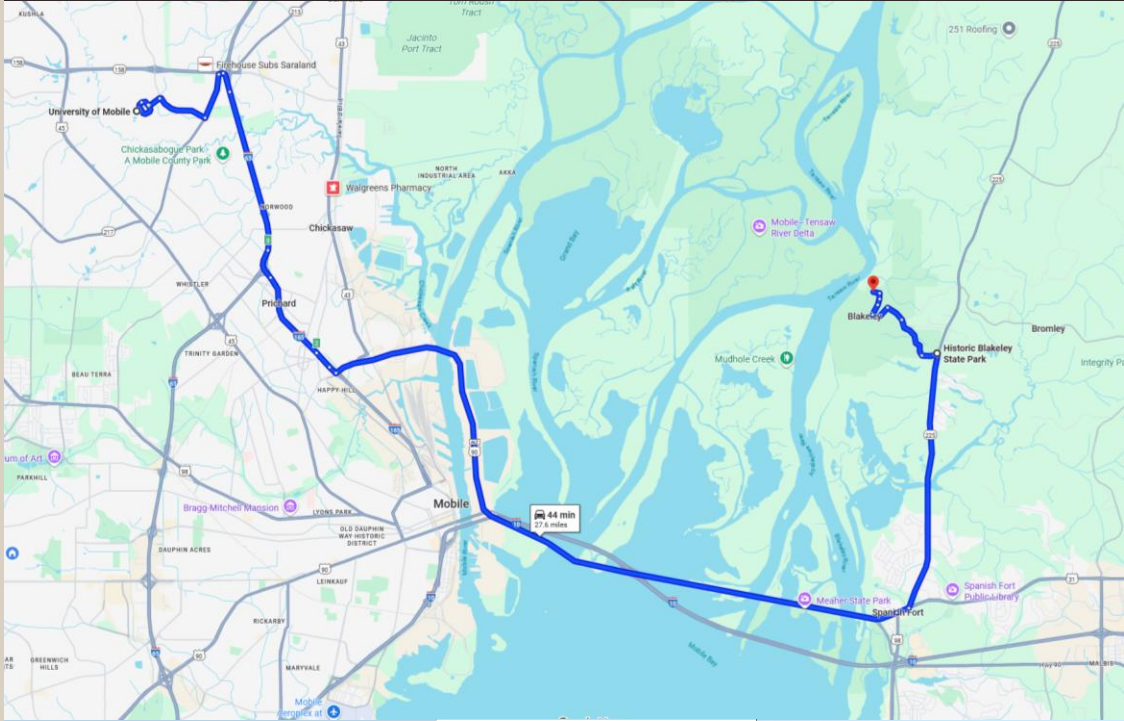


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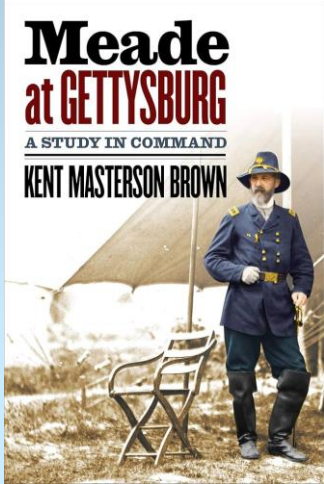


Extra Credit for attending the Lecture

Dr. Kent Masterson Brown

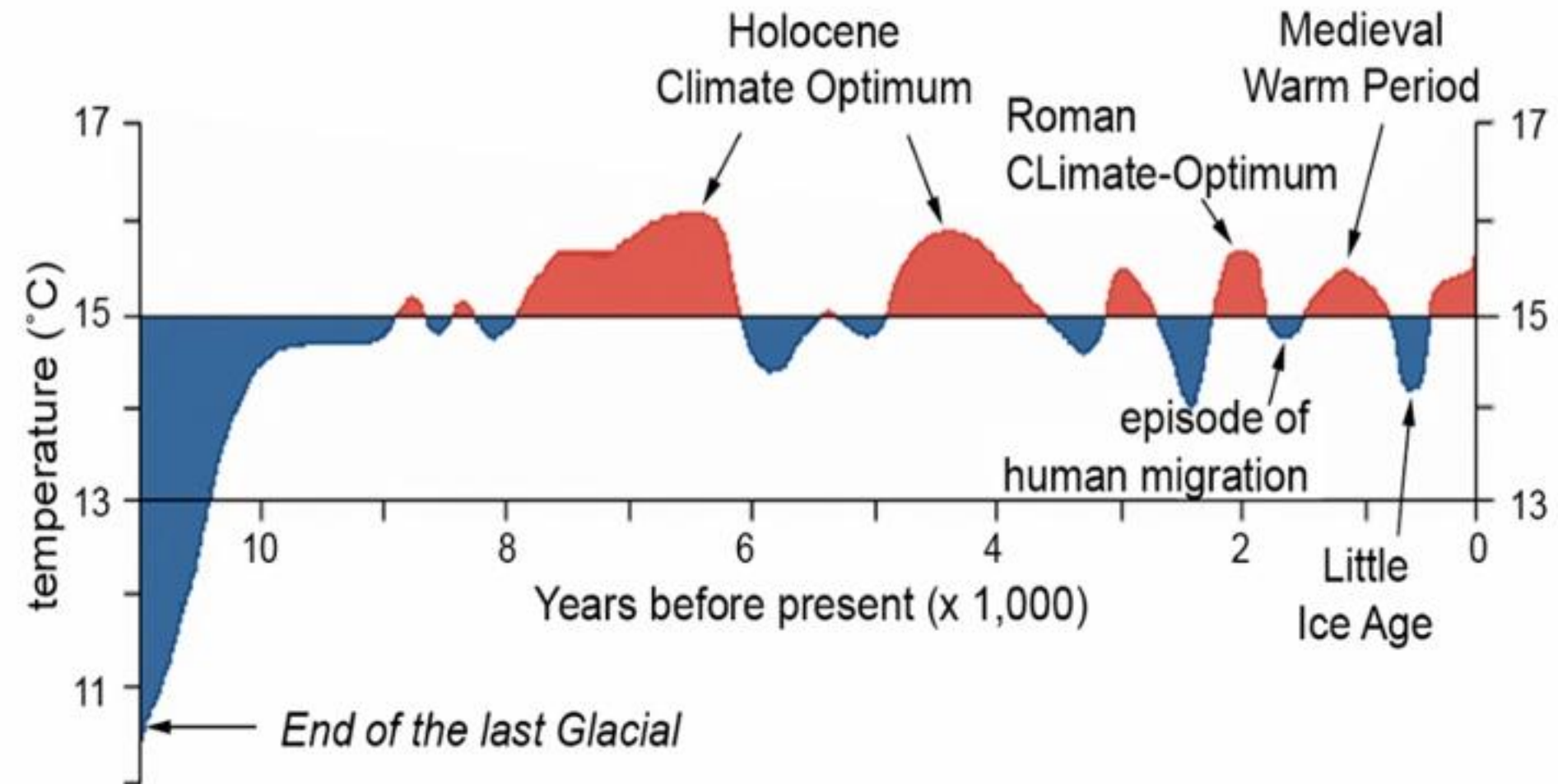
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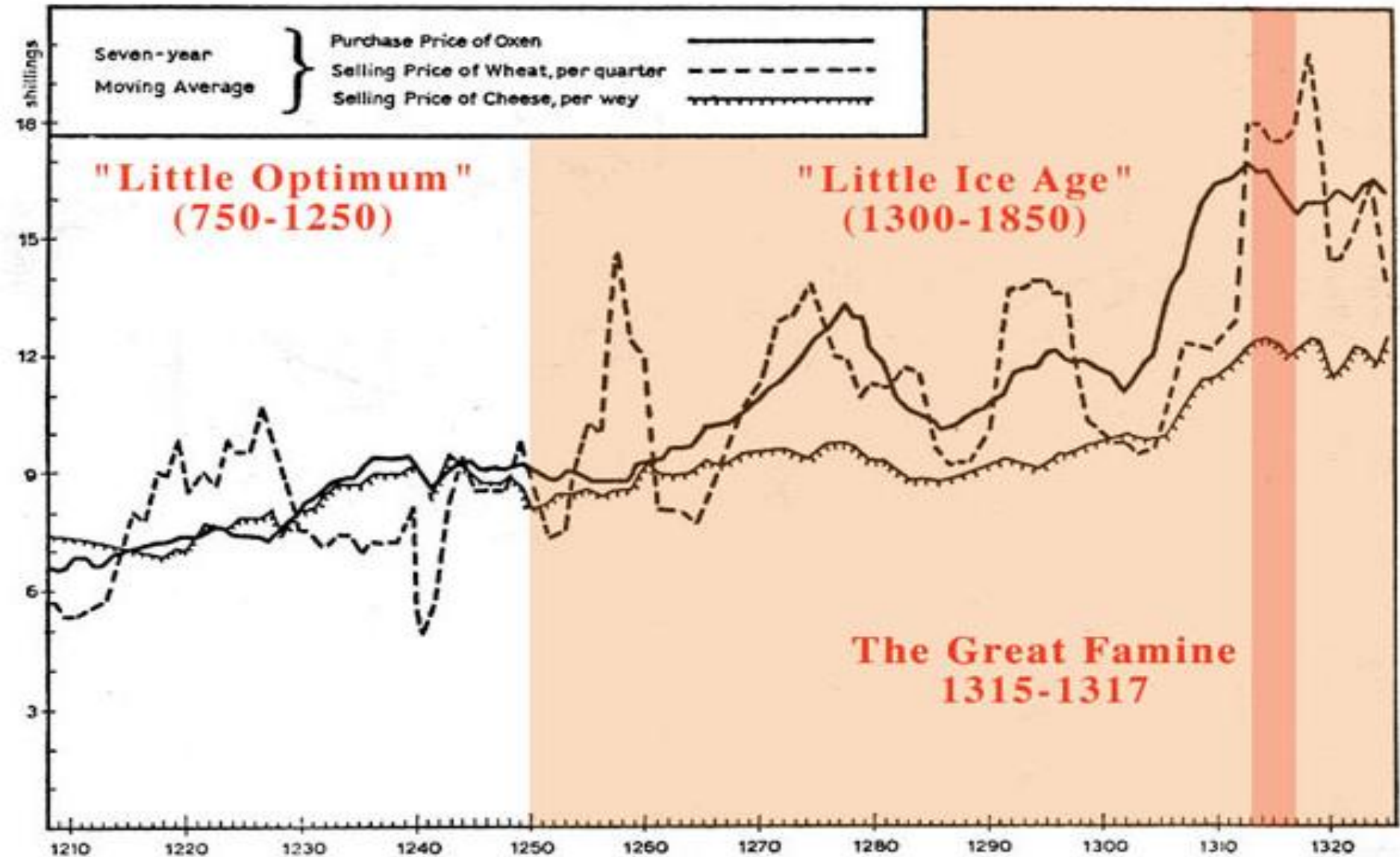


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Northern Hemispheric temperature reconstruction for the past 10,000+ years



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The Famine

Too much rain = crops rotting in the field



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Too little summer
(Little Ice Age)



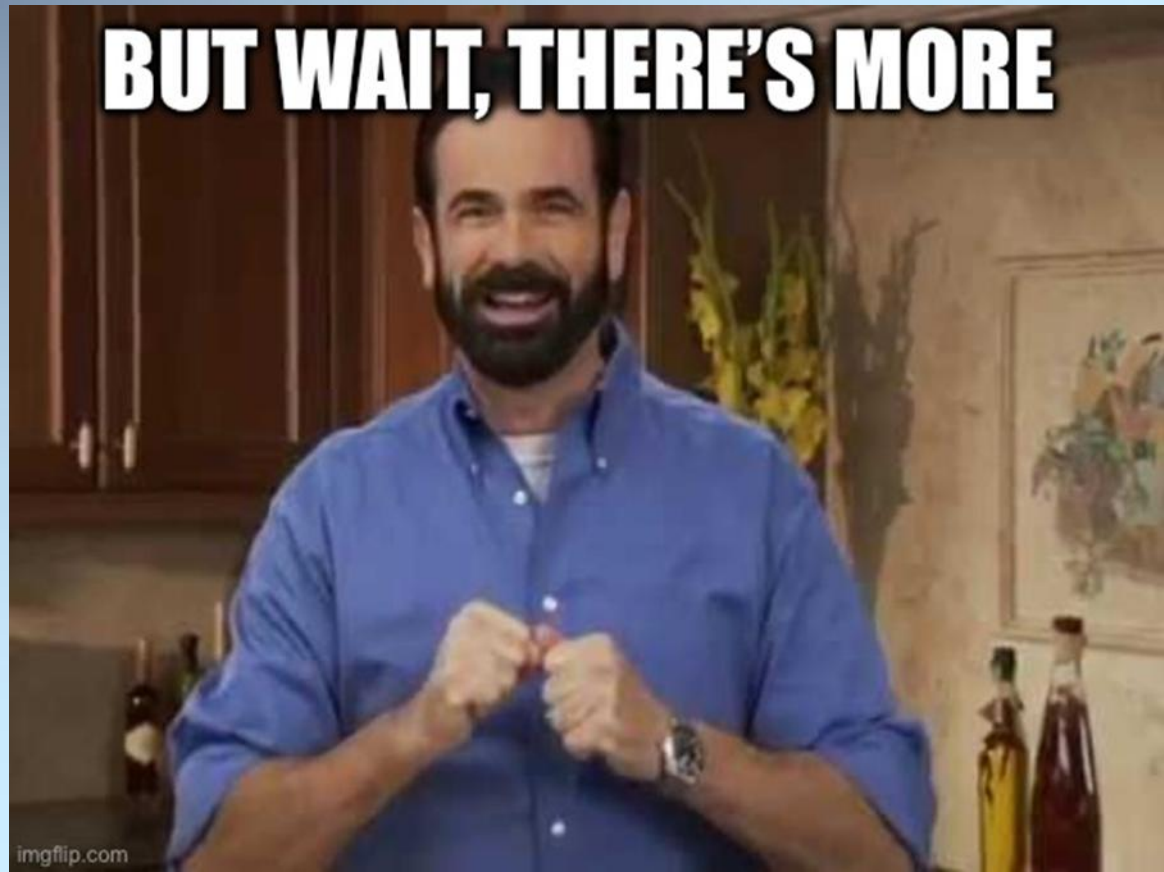
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Cycles of Death

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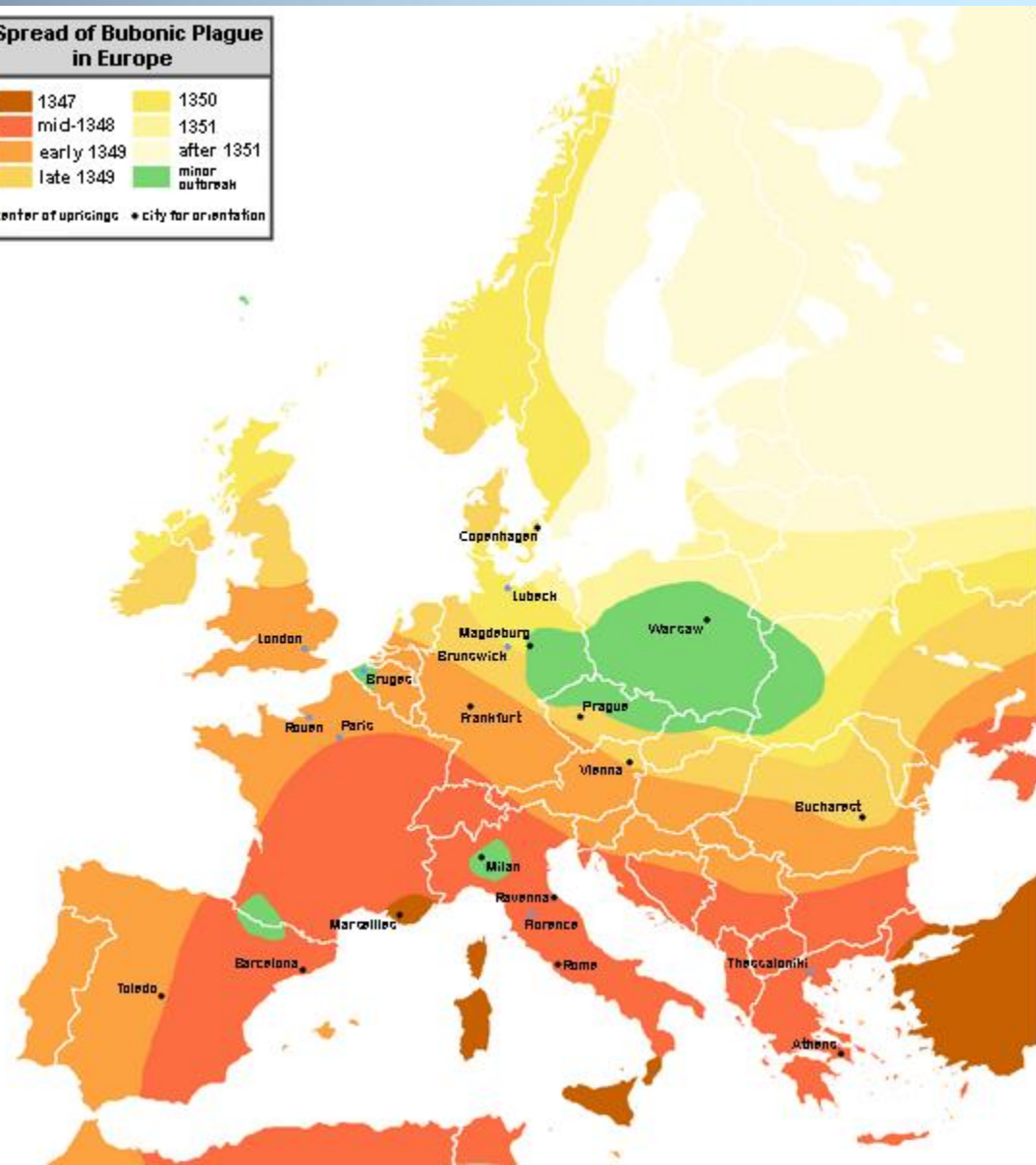
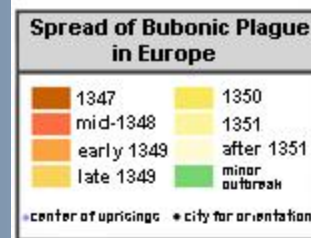
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Plague

1347-1671

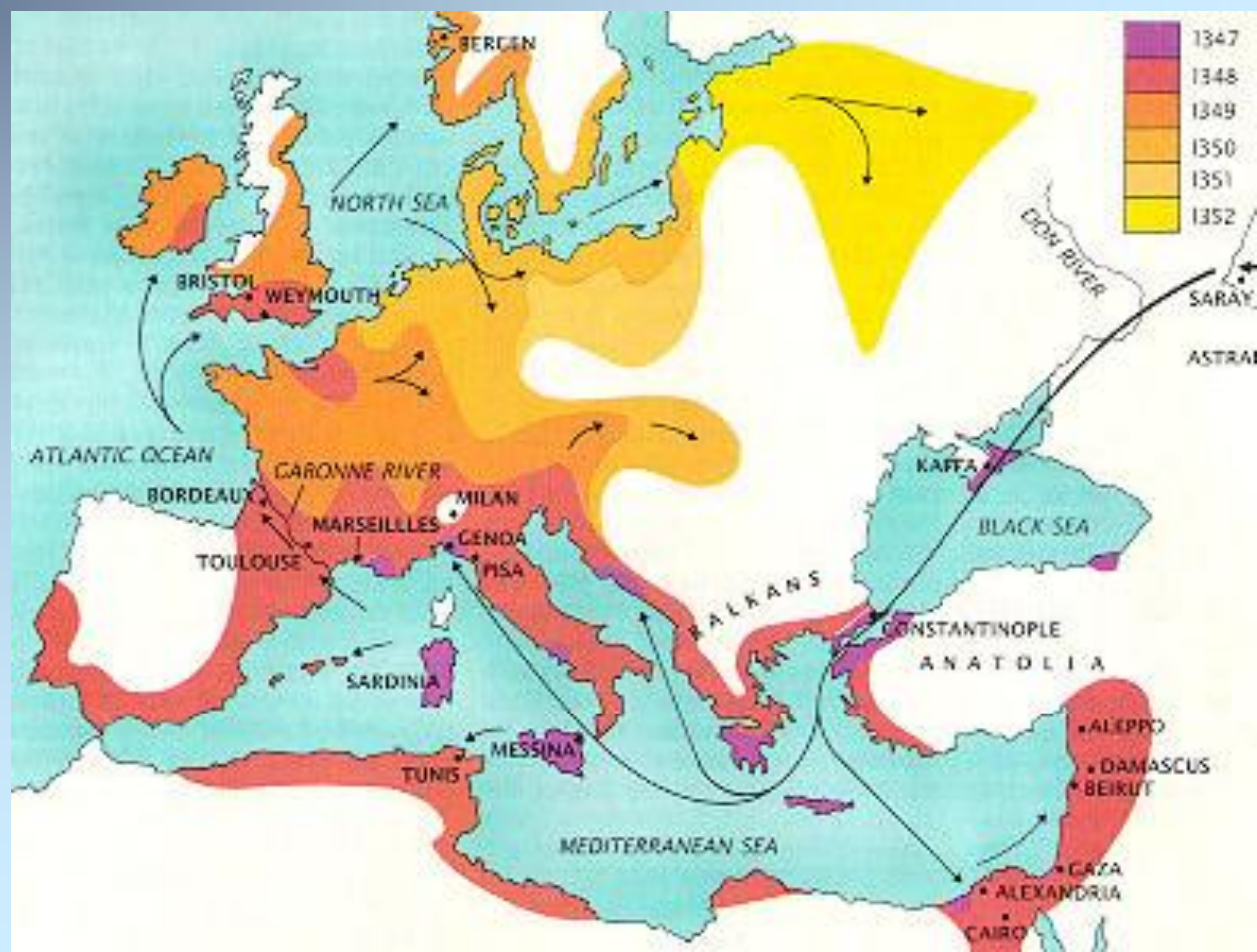
“somewhere in Europe”



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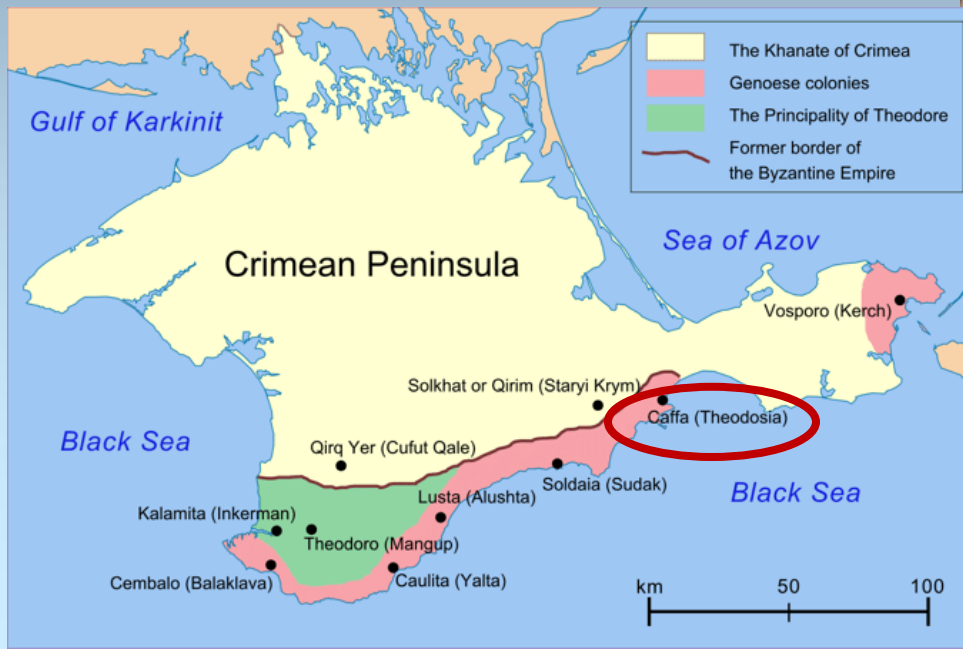
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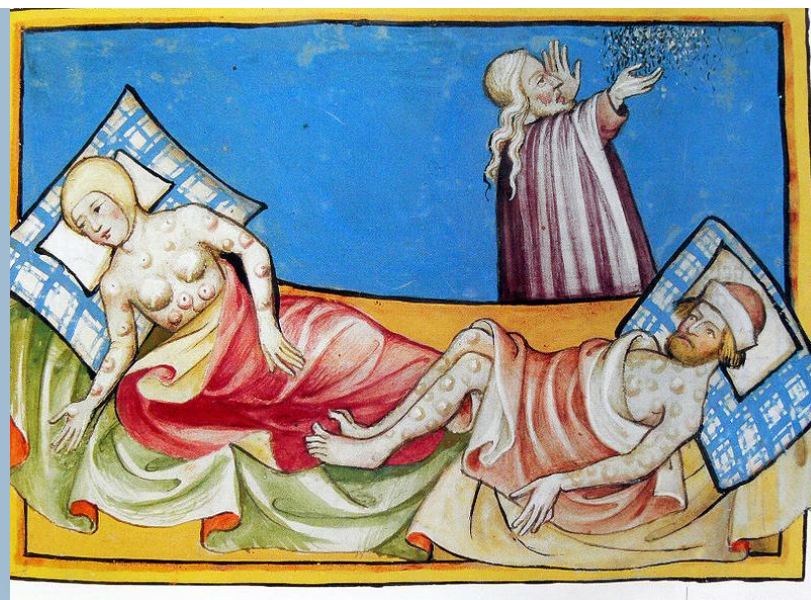


**Mongols siege colony of Genoa in 1345.
Golden Horde dying of plague so catapult
corpses into city before retreating.
Four Genoese ships sail to Europe!**

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The Plague

Cycles of Death



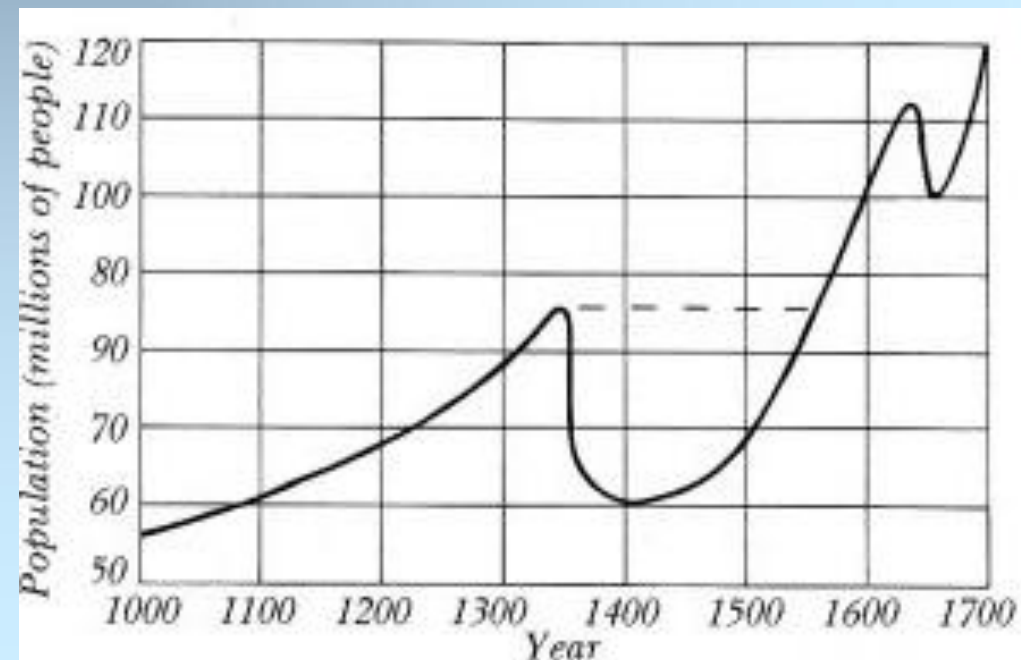
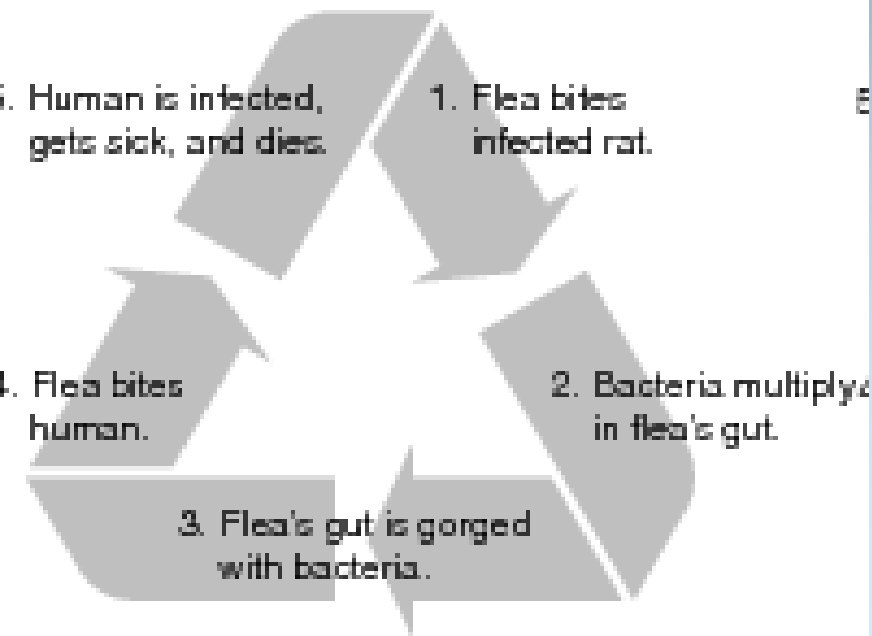
Rank	Event	Location	Death toll (estimate)	Date
1.	Black Death	Asia, Europe, Africa	100,000,000 approx.	1300s–1720s
2.	Spanish Flu	Worldwide	50,000,000–100,000,000	1918–1920
3.	Plague of Justinian	Asia, Europe, Africa	40,000,000–100,000,000	540–590
4.	Third Pandemic of Bubonic Plague	Worldwide	12,000,000 ?	1850s–1950s
5.	Antonine Plague	Roman Empire	5,000,000	165–180
6.	Asian Flu	Worldwide	4,000,000	1956–1958
Covid-19 Cronoavirius		Worldwide	7,102,784+	2020-2025

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The Plague



The Cycle of the Black Plague



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The Plague

Combating death... HOW?



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The Plague

Combating death

burning incense

dipping handkerchiefs in aromatic oils

ringing church bells and firing cannons

wearing talismans

bathing in human urine

placing "stinks" (dead animals) in their dwellings

bleeding via leeches and bloodletting

drinking the pus extracted from a suppurated bubo

joining groups of flagellants

Run away to the country

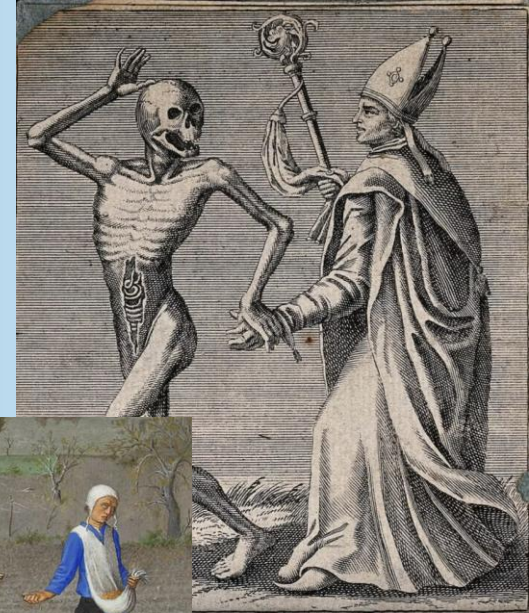
And ... killing Jews



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Aftermath of the Plague

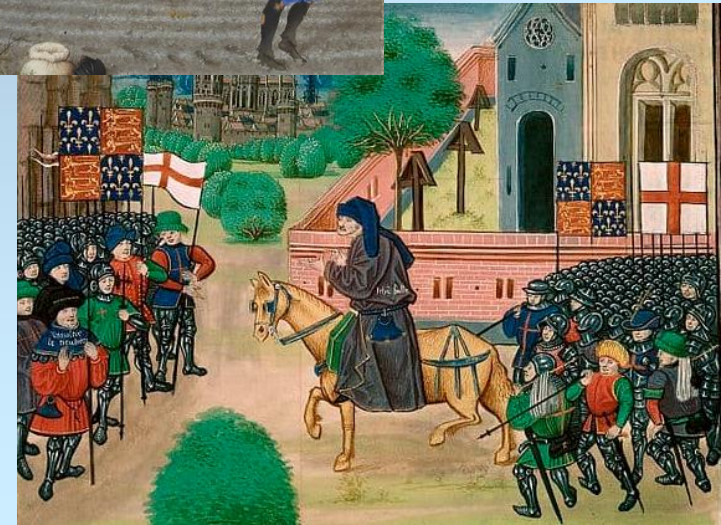
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Social Structure

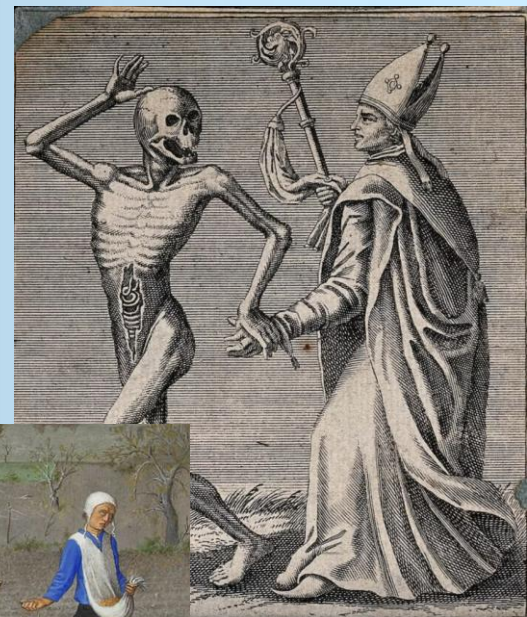


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Aftermath of the Plague

Religion

pious priest died giving comfort
rich and powerful hid and survived
Church demonstrated flaws



Labor

Extreme shortage of workers-
skilled and unskilled. Rapid
increase in wages. (Will lead to
search for “labor-saving” machines)



Social Structure

Aristocrats viewed as “idle rich” (but
not as rich as they were before)
Serfs transform into yeoman farmers.



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Pope Clement V
1305-1314



Pope John XXII
1316-1334



Pope Benedict XII
1334-1342



Pope Clement VI
1342-1352



Pope Innocent VI
1352-1362



Pope Urban V
1362-1370



Pope Gregory XI
1370-1378

The Avignon Papacy 1305-1377 (7 Popes – all French)

Clement V

John XXII

Innocent VI

Benedict XII

Urban V

Clement VI

Gregory XI

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Great Western Schism (Papal Schism) 1377-1417

The last Avignon Pope, Gregory XI returned to Rome in 1377, but announced his intention to return to Avignon.

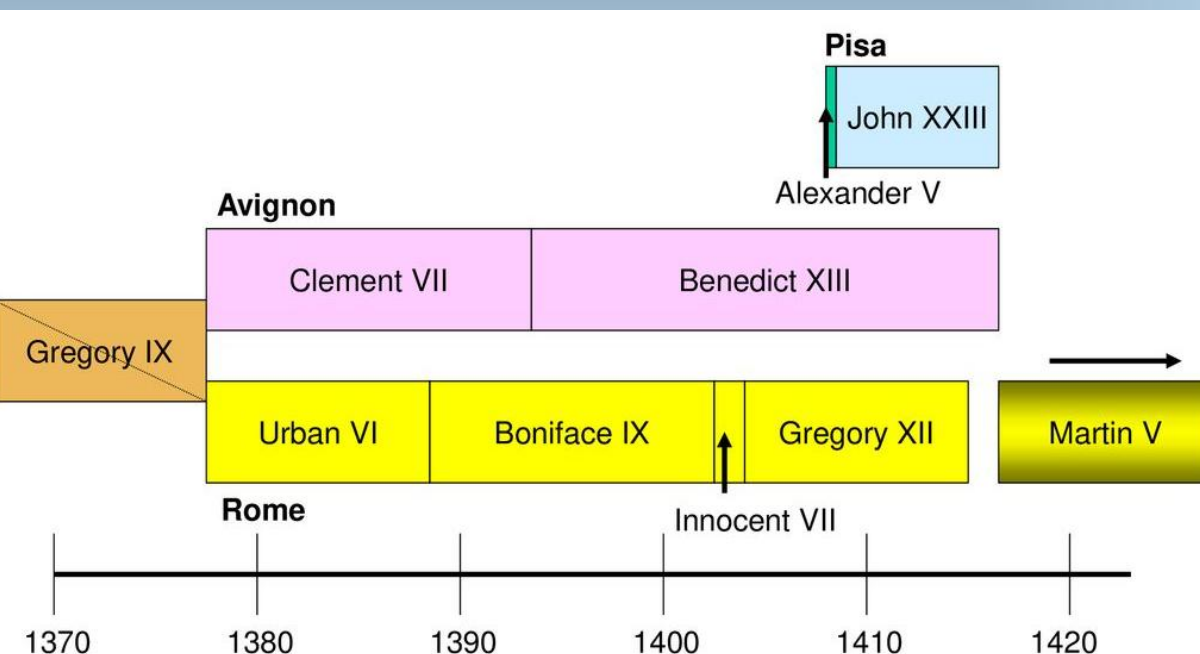
Gregory XI died and Urban VI, a Roman, was elected Pope in 1378.

The French cardinals responded by electing French Clement VII.

Council of Pisa deposed both Popes and elected Alexander V. But they did not resign.

Council of Constance elected Pope Martin V.

Gregory XII resigned, John XXIII removed, and Benedict XIII excommunicated.



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Aftermath of Avignon Popes and Western / Papal Schism



Marked decline in morality and discipline in the church.

Eroded church authority and ability to proclaim the Gospel.

Frustration led to protests and efforts to reform church.

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More Middle Ages: Crisis and Disintegration

