

Instructions

Module 4 Content

Welcome to this week: The Popular Response

This week, we will be reading about three very different consequences to the plague that followed it immediately: economic reorganization and legal responses to the new economy; the flagellant movement; and violence against Jewish populations. All three of these can be lumped together under the umbrella of popular responses to the plague.

As you read, consider:

- Who were the actors in each case, and what were their justifications for their actions?
- In each case, there was more than one cause of tension between the parties involved, many going back before the plague. What were the sources of tensions in each case?
- What are the similarities in these different movements?

To Do

- [PowerPoint The Popular Response](#) 
- Aberth. Chapter 4 (documents 14-16, pp. 72-78) and Chapter 6 (Intro and Documents 23-27 SKIP doc. 22)
- David Nirenberg, "Epilogue: the Black Death and Beyond" in *Communities of Violence: Persecution of Minorities in the Middle Ages*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1996), 231-49. This is available as an ebook through the FIU library.

Instructor Comments on the paper I submitted. You can Find the Paper on a separate PDF

There is an argument here but there are a lot of generalizations and historical inaccuracies. That's a real problem in a history paper. Directly related, there is very little direct evidence from the sources. I see you citing, but not bringing in specific words and ideas to back up your points. For example in the paragraph on flagellants, the first sentence is a great topic sentence. But then the 2nd and 3rd sentence don't speak to that argument. The 4th does, but would be much, MUCH stronger if you included a quote from the primary source documents to demonstrate your point. For example. Jean de Fayt states that the townspeople who see the Flagellents "believe that by their penance, they obtain a full remission of sins" (p.108). That is what I'm looking for when I talk about evidence.

I do think this is a paper you can revise for credit but I URGE you to send me a draft. I know you're getting frustrated but I also feel like this would be a lot less frustrating for you with some guidance.

See additional rubric comments.