

Black Death: Requirements and Topic

Requirements

Your paper must be two to three pages long. The text should be double-spaced. It is due at the beginning of Class #6. For further guidelines, see the "requirements" for the *Montaillou* assignment, and the editing handout.

Topic

Read the attached *Ordinance of Laborers* issued by Edward III in 1349, and confirmed by the English Parliament in 1351. Are King and Parliament acting in the interests of all English men and women in the wake of the plague, or only in the interests of some? Based on your reading in Herlihy's book on the Black Death, was this ordinance likely to achieve the objectives of the King and Parliament?