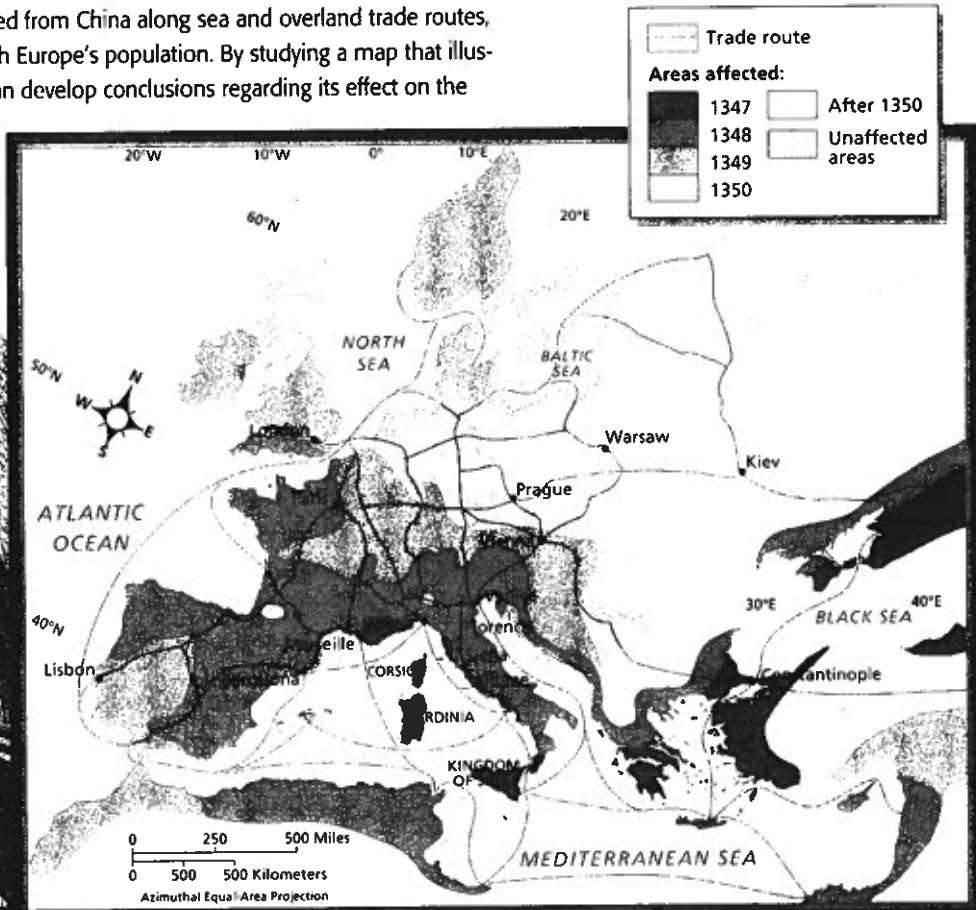
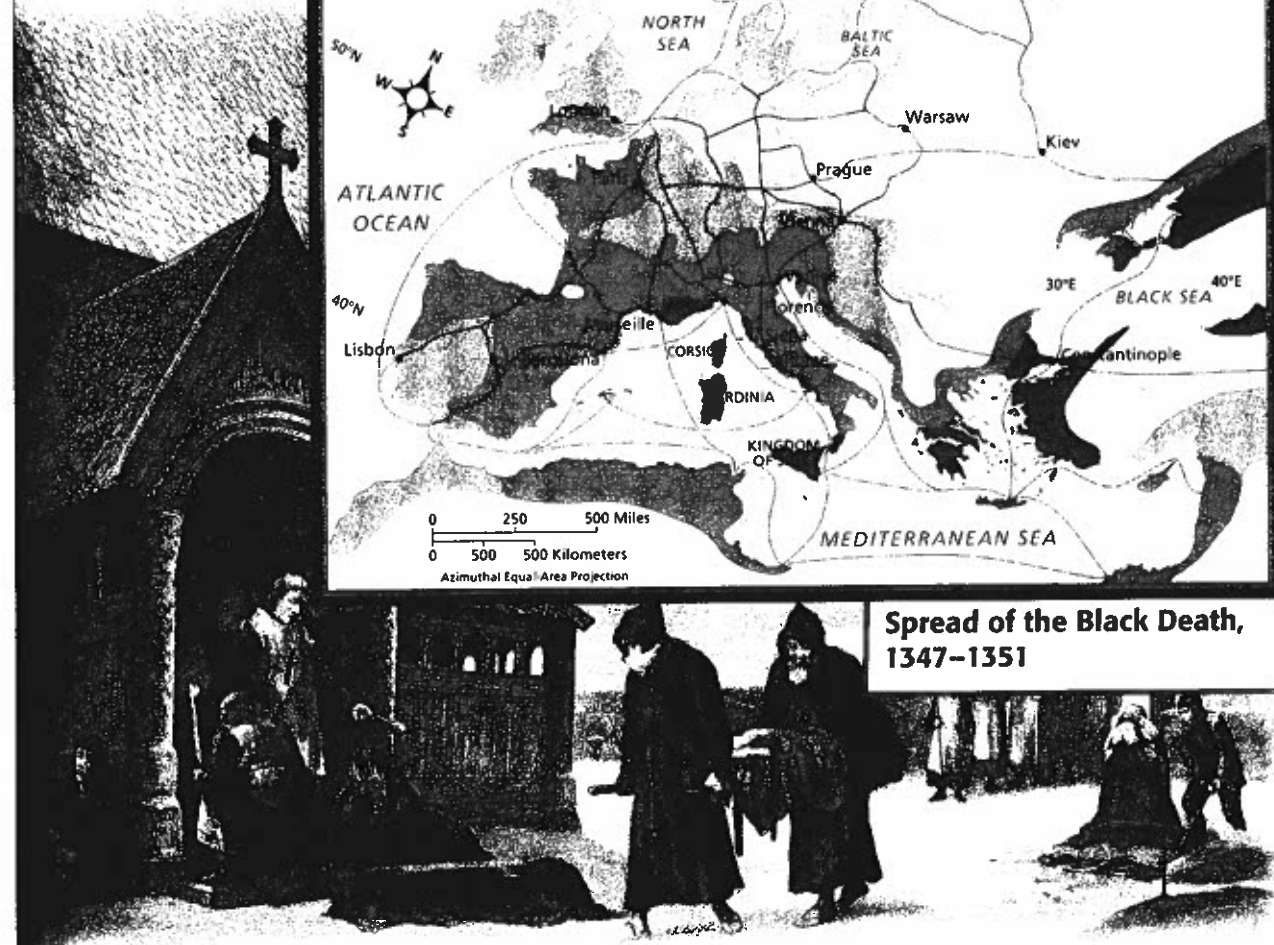


# The Spread of the Black Death

Between 1347 and 1351, Europe and the Mediterranean world were devastated by the "Black Death"—a deadly plague. Carried from China along sea and overland trade routes, Black Death quickly swept through Europe's population. By studying a map that illustrates the spread of the plague, we can develop conclusions regarding its effect on the civilization of the late Middle Ages.



**Spread of the Black Death, 1347-1351**



**Skills Reminder**

Use a map to analyze historical patterns, define the map's main topic. Then identify the historical context of the map and describe the events or changes it is designed to illustrate. Connect the information on the map to the historical context of the subject. Identify the change, trend, or pattern that is illustrated by the map and build a hypothesis to explain why it took place. Finally, determine how the map helps to show the change, pattern, or trend that came to represent a new historical reality.

**Skills Practice**

Study the map above and answer the following questions:

- 1 How was the plague carried from Marseille to North Africa? From Marseille to Paris?
- 2 Why might Paris have been stricken by the plague earlier than London but later than Constantinople?
- 3 Why might the plague have been slower to reach eastern Europe than it was to reach western and northern Europe?