

**Week 10: The Plague Year**

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**Case 10**

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2. How did the plague spread from the East to the West?

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3. What were the symptoms of the plague?

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