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**14th Century News Bulletin – The bubonic plague is coming!**

*Directions: It is the year 1348 and you heard the bubonic plague is coming to your community. As a responsible reporter, it is your job to inform your community about the plague and advise others how to prevent, treat, and cure the illness. You will be creating a “news bulletin” to inform your viewers about how they can stay alive!*

*Your news bulletin must include the following:*

1) Where did the illness begin?

2) How did it begin?

3) How is it spread?

4) What are the symptoms?

5) How can you prevent the disease?

6) How can you treat the disease?

7) Can you cure the disease?

*You should include evidence from the four documents in your news bulletin. Please refer to the project rubric below as you complete your news bulletin to ensure you receive full credit by fulfilling all of the requirements.*

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|  | **Superior (4)** | **Proficient (3)** | **Emerging (2)** | **Basic (1)** |
| **Primary Source Evidence** | *Includes multiple examples from multiple primary documents* | *Includes multiple examples from one document, or one example from multiple documents* | *Includes one example from one primary document* | *Does not include any examples from primary documents* |
| **Perspective** | *Creatively presents information from the perspective of a 14th century reporter* | *Correctly presents information from the perspective of someone living in the 14th century* | *Presents information that may not always be from a 14th century perspective* | *Mainly fails to present accurate information from a 14th century perspective* |
| **Conventions** | *Final product includes a detailed script, a live performance (including “studio” and “on-location” reporting* | *Final product has some parts of a live news bulletin, but may be missing a detailed script and various types of reporting* | *Final product is missing several important parts of a real news bulletin, or is not performed “in-character”* | *Final product is not performed “in-character” and is missing most of the important parts of a news bulletin* |
| **Effort/Clarity** | *Performances and materials demonstrate superior effort. All materials are well-made, accurate, and have few errors* | *Performance and materials demonstrate adequate effort, with some errors that distract from the overall product* | *Performance and materials suffer from lack of effort at times, with errors that distract from the overall product* | *Lack of effort is clear and demonstrated by numerous errors that make the overall product difficult to watch or understand.* |