

Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks

1-Who was the King of England during the time of this book?

2-How did the plague get to the village?

3-What are the symptoms of the plague that are described in the book?

4-What were the conditions of sanitation that the man from London described while he stayed at Bradford Hall?

5-The barber-surgeon treats a boy using leeches. Describe or draw a leech and describe the blood-letting treatment that he used and what the intended effects of it were supposed to be in helping the alleviate the symptoms and the illness.

6-List the herbs/plants that Anys, Mem, Anna, or Elinor refer to in the story. List the scientific name and describe the medicinal effects, uses, or conditions that each one would be used for. There are quite a few mentioned, so list at least 5. If you do more, bonus points will be awarded.

Herb/Plant/Remedy	Scientific Name	Medicinal effect/treatment/condition used for

7-The plague came in different forms throughout history. One of the most notorious forms was referred to as “The Black Plague” or the “The Black Death”. Do some research and find out if this seems to be what is afflicting the people in Anna’s village? If not, what are some of the differences?

8-The song “Ring around the rosy” is a childhood classic. Research the history of this song and its ties to the plague. Write a paragraph describing its origins.

9-Diseases are transmitted through various methods. Choose a bacterial or viral disease and write an informational brochure about it for public health informational use.