**III. Years of Turmoil**

1. Plague Strikes

* **Bubonic Plague –**
* Known as the Black Death because of the black spots on the body
* Ripped apart the fabric of society

1. Plague Spreads

* Traders from Asia carried the plague into Europe
* Flea infested black rats were responsible for spreading the Black Death
* Most people did not bathe and most had lice and fleas
* People also threw sewage and garbage into the street, which became breeding grounds for more rats
* Killed 25-35 million people in Europe
* Killed over 50-75 million people worldwide

1. Effects of the Plague

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**Why were Jews targeted for persecution?**

* They are not Christians – different
* **Usury** –
* Was considered a sin by the Christian Church for over 1,000 years
* Jews established early banks, which brought jealousy

1. Hundred Years’ War

* 1337-1453 – **116 years**
* Series of battles between England and France that marks the end of the Middle Ages

1. Longbow Changes War

* “Machine gun of the Middle Ages”
* Were over 6 feet long
* Were powerful enough to **penetrate armor** at over 200 yards away
* **Battle of Crecy –**
* Heavily armored knights vanished

1. Joan of Arc

* **1420 –**
* **Joan of Arc –**
* Claimed to have heard voice from God to fight against the English
* Joan led French army to victory at Orleans
* Saves France from English rule
* **1431** –
* Condemned Joan as a witch because of her claim of hearing God’s voice
* Was declared a heretic and burnt at the stake (was only 19)
* Years after her death (1920) she was declared a Saint of the Catholic Church