Epidemiology
History, Philosophy, and Uses of Epidemiology
Part B

Workbook information
- The Young Epidemiology Scholars has provided a Plague Document Collection with a series of original documents in which people describe their experiences during that time. Some were quoted in the video.
- Take some time to read these and think about the questions but you do not have a graded assignment on this section.

Examining the Plague
- At the time of the Black Death epidemic the cause of the plague was unknown
- Appears it was spread along the shipping lines
- No one knew how to treat it
- Very frightening

Plague today
- Plague still exists today
- US in 1980s, an average of 18 cases per year
- Here is a link to the CDC home page on plague with information for you
  http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/plague/index.htm

Plague and bioterrorism
- CDC podcast
- http://emergency.cdc.gov/training/historyofbt/03plague.asp

Oriental Rat flea, a carrier of plague

Taken from the CDC Plague Homepage
Influenza

- I would now like you to watch the video on Influenza for a more modern epidemic