

The Black Death

I think that the Black Death significantly developed our worldview. I think this because of how it affected feudalism and the view of society during medieval times. During this time feudalism completely dictated what society should look like. You were born into a class and had to stay there your entire life, you could not move up. The system favoured the rights of the society over the rights of the individual. This led to individual inequality and depression among the lower class, but great agricultural and population increases that moved the human race along. Society basically ranked your value from the moment you were born, just from the class that you were born into. However then the Black Death happened and flipped everything on its head. Now the slaves and serfs were valued more, so they started earning more money. Because of this a middle class started to form. More cities started popping up, and would you look at that it's the Renaissance.

The Black Death was important because it completely changed how a society viewed the world. The Renaissance started when people got tired of the values that society maintained during the Medieval era. After the Black Death, people started to value more of life and a middle class meant everybody had more free time. More free time means more time to do leisure activities, and create more inventions that helped push the human race towards the present modern day.

I think the reason why the Black Death is so important even today, is because of how much it has shaped our history and worldview. If it never happened we might still have a worldview shaped around feudalism and the rights of the society. It led to the creation of the middle class which then was one of the main stepping stones towards equality for all. It was one of the main factors which led to the Renaissance, which then led to many inventions that we still use today. For example the printing press, letting us spread knowledge to more people. I think even though it probably wasn't the greatest thing to have happen at the time, the effects that it created after the fact greatly improved the development of the human race.