

Explain why there was continuity / things stay the same
in ideas about the causes of disease
during the period c. 1250-1500 why?

Middle Ages (12 Marks)

- The Church
- Galen

You MUST also use information of your own.

① Cover the bullet and write down 3 possible answers to this question.

- Miasma (briefly explain)
- God
- Astronomy

Use the phrase 'from my own knowledge.'

② After this, write about the bullet points given.

③ The first paragraph should be about your own knowledge.

* There was continuity about the causes of disease in the Medieval period because of a lack of scientific understanding. For example, ^{physicians} people used astrology to diagnose patients by seeing if the stars ^{were} aligned.

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Do now:

1) Treatments were often more dangerous than the ailment because the method of the treatments could cause diseases. ✓

2) The four humours were blood, phlegm, black bile and yellow bile. ✓

3) The church approved the work of Galen. ✓

* People also believed in miasma, which meant that bad smell was the cause of diseases. This benefitted medieval people as some places with infection smelled bad so if they stood away from such places, they wouldn't get certain diseases. Because of this, many people believed in miasma throughout a long period of time.

Medieval people were very religious because of the ^{church had a} massive influence on them, they believed that ailments and diseases was a punishment for sin. The church also believed that we had to be buried whole so physicians didn't have bodies to dissect, this led to continuity in the belief that God was the cause of disease because people didn't know what was in the body. vivisection - dissection of bodies.

There was also continuity in Galen's theory of the Four Opposites because the church supported Galen's beliefs and no one dared question the church. The church supported Galen because Galen he said that all humans have a soul and this fitted well with religious beliefs. So because no ^{one} ~~dared~~ ^{challenged} the ~~theory~~ ^{theory}, church, there was continuity in the ~~idea~~ ^{idea}.

that the Four Humours was also a theory that led to continuity. Even though we know this theory is incorrect today, it made sense in the Middle Ages. Many people believed that the four humours had to be balanced because it was a natural explanation for diseases. This led to continuity because it was logical a logical theory.

To conclude, Astrology, Miasma, Religion, Galen and the four humours were the main reasons there was continuity in ideas about the cause of diseases.

12/12 Khadija - A superb answer! V. well written. Congratulations

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Medieval Hospitals

The first has doctors wearing protective equipment whereas the second picture doesn't. The first picture is from the modern era and the second is from the Middle Ages. The second picture can have infection.

aseptic - germ free

nuns and monks would usually look after the sick in hospitals.

Medieval hospitals are more about hospitality, than treating sick people. They also had poor hygiene as they didn't know about germs.

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