

OBHS Core Questions:

Subject: History

Year and Term: Year 10 Autumn 1

Topic: Medicine through Time: circa 1250-1900



Learn these questions to build a strong foundation of knowledge for this half-term. Ask family or friends to test you regularly, or practise on your own using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write' method.

1.	What did people believe caused disease in the Middle Ages?	God, bad air (miasma), and imbalance of the four humours.
2.	What were the Four Humours?	Blood, phlegm, black bile, and yellow bile.
3.	Who was Galen?	A Roman doctor who built on Hippocrates' ideas and influenced medicine for centuries.
4.	How did people try to prevent disease?	By praying, carrying lucky charms, and cleaning the streets.
5.	What did people think caused the Black Death?	God, miasma, the planets, the four humours.
6.	Who treated the sick in medieval times?	Physicians (for the rich), barber surgeons, apothecaries, wise women.
7.	What organisation controlled all medical knowledge and education?	The Christian Church.
8.	What changed in the Renaissance?	People questioned old ideas and began doing dissections.
9.	Who was Andreas Vesalius?	He studied anatomy by dissecting bodies and corrected Galen's mistakes.
10.	Who was William Harvey?	He discovered that blood is pumped around the body by the heart.
11.	What stayed the same in the Renaissance?	People still believed in miasma and the four humours.
12.	How did the printing press help medicine?	It spread new medical ideas quickly.
13.	Who created the first vaccination?	Edward Jenner.
14.	What disease did Jenner vaccinate against?	Smallpox.
15.	Who proved germs caused disease?	Louis Pasteur.
16.	What did Robert Koch do?	He identified bacteria that caused specific diseases and created some vaccines e.g. for TB.
17.	What is antiseptic surgery?	Using chemicals like carbolic acid to kill germs in surgery.
18.	What did James Simpson do?	He discovered chloroform – an anaesthetic with few side effects. Meant more complex surgery was possible.
19.	Why was Florence Nightingale important?	She improved the training of nurses and hospital care.
20.	Why was John Snow important?	He discovered that cholera was caused by contaminated water, not by miasma.