(Source 2) Michele di Piazze, letter (October, 1347)

“The sailors brought in their bones a disease so violent that whoever spoke a word to them was infected and could in no way save himself from death... Those to whom the disease was transmitted by infection of the breath were stricken with pains all over the body and felt a terrible lassitude. There then appeared, on a thigh or an arm, a pustule like a lentil. From this the infection penetrated the body and violent bloody vomiting began. It lasted for a period of three days and there was no way of preventing its ending in death.”

https://spartacus-educational.com/EXnormans10.htm

Dulce et Decorum Est

This poem details the experiences of soldiers fighting in World War I, with a vivid description of a gas attack and the aftermath of those who suffer during it. The poem’s message is that war is not honorable and dying for one’s country is not as heroic as is often depicted.

https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/46560/dulce-et-decorum-est

British Census

This census details census results from 1851, 1861, and 1871. The census shows the country’s overall population growth and the total number of individuals in different fields of employment. The numbers show the country’s total population rising, and that the number of individuals working in agriculture was declining, and that the number of individuals working in industrial labor was rising.

http://www.victorianweb.org/history/census.html