

In Medieval Britain the Black Death was about to strike....

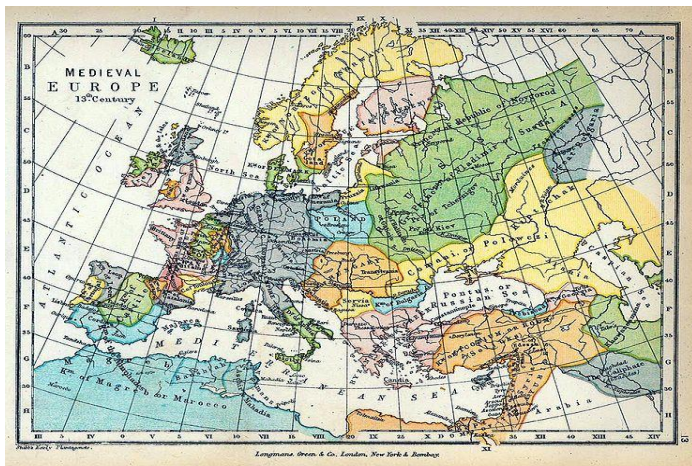
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The Pope persecuted cats.



KEY INFORMATION:

In June 1233 Pope Gregory IX issued a papal bull known as _____, accusing cats (especially if they were the colour _____) of being guilty of heresy since they were thought to be in league with _____.



Pope Gregory lived in the Papal States. Draw an arrow to where the Papal States are.

Why did Pope Gregory and some of his supporters think that cats were evil?

What was the *Inquisition*?

Where did the festival Kattenstoet take place?

When did it take place?

What was the festival for?

Why were cats often linked to witchcraft?

In Ancient Egypt, cats were worshipped in the form of Gods and Goddesses. Why did this change?

What impact did cats have during the Black Death?

Useful websites, videos and podcasts

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjB4vsl_FY (2:15:00 – 2:17:22)
- <https://historycollection.co/thou-shalt-not-suffer-a-cat-to-live-why-pope-gregory-ix-vox-in-rama-implicated-cats-in-devil-worship/>
- <http://historythings.com/one-time-pope-banned-cats-caused-black-plague/>

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