Biological Weapons

When Were They First Used?

The first documented use dates from 1346: During the siege of Caffa, invaders catapulted bodies of people killed by the Black Death into the walled city.

It is considered the beginning of the Black Death epidemic in Europe in the Middle Ages.

Infecting Water, a Common Practice

During wartime, in ancient times, corpses of humans or animals were thrown into drinking water sources to purposefully contaminate them and sicken the enemy.

Smallpox, a Biological Weapon in the New World

With the coming of the Europeans to the New World, native communities had to face diseases foreign to their territory, such as smallpox, which caused millions of deaths.

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