

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.



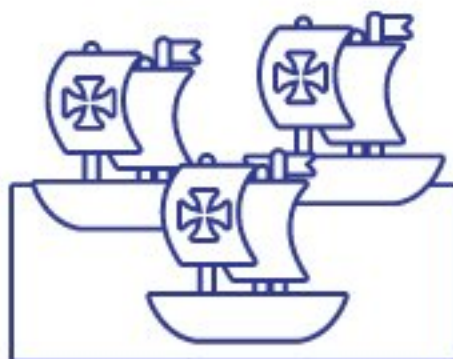
It is considered the **beginning of the Black Death epidemic in Europe** in the Middle Ages.

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.