WHI 12c-d Notes

Impact of the Black Death (Bubonic plague)

* Decline in population
* Scarcity of labor
* Towns freed from feudal obligations
* Decline of Church influence

Disruption of trade

Church scholars

* Were among the very few who could read and write
* Worked in monasteries
* Translated Greek and Arabic works into Latin
* Made new knowledge in philosophy, medicine, and science available in Europe

Laid the foundations for the rise of universities in Europe