

## AQA Question 3: '**Compare... in what ways are they similar/different?**' (8 marks)

AQA Paper 2: Shaping the nation, health and the people, c1000 to the present day

### Lesson context

Following a class visit to Thackray Medical Museum, images and artefacts from the museum prompt students to display deeper understanding and more detailed contextual knowledge in their answers to 8 mark AQA exam style utility questions.

### Learning

- Tips on answering comparison questions
- Similarity and difference sentence starters
- Using evidence to support an argument  
Reaching a judgement based on evidence

### Rationale

There are 3 Thackray Medical Museum AQA Question 3 Worksheets. They are:

**1. Compare the Black Death in the Middle Ages with the cholera epidemics in the 19th century. In what ways were they similar?**

**Explain your answer with reference to both epidemics. (8 marks)\***

\*Question taken from AQA Specimen Mark Scheme GCSE History 2018

**2. Compare surgical operations in the Renaissance with surgical operations in the late 19th century. In what ways were they different?**

**Explain your answer with reference to both periods of history. (8 marks)**

**3. Compare hospitals in the nineteenth century with hospitals in the 20th century. In what ways were they different?**

**Explain your answer with reference to both centuries. (8 marks)**

We suggest you start with **Worksheet 1** on the Black Death and cholera, which includes tips on how to answer 8 mark comparison questions.

## **Lesson preparation**

- Print off a class set of Worksheet 1, stapling the two pages together.
- Assess the time required to use this worksheet in the way most appropriate to your class. Incorporate this time into your lesson plan.

## **Suggestions**

- Worksheet 1 could be done in class, by students working in pairs. Their responses could then be compared in a class discussion.
- Worksheet 2 could be set as a homework task.
- Worksheet 3 could be set as a timed test in class, (please note that the images in this source may be upsetting to some students).