Social Studies, Grade 8 Unit VIII: Lesson B7

Report: Controlling Infectious Disease

Yellow fever epidemics killed thousands in the United States in the 1800s. Research the last major outbreak of an infectious disease in your area.

Interview a health official in your area and determine the methods that are used to combat the spread of disease.

In an oral report to the class, identify the last major outbreak of infectious disease in your area and compare this outbreak with the yellow fever epidemic of the 1800s. Contrast the methods of controlling the spread of disease today with the methods of the 19th century.

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