

## Doctors and Cures: Treatments of Yellow Fever

**GATHERING THE INFO:** *As you watch the webisode, complete this sheet. You may need to pause the webisode and/or watch it more than once to get all of the information.*

**1.** How did most people receive their health care? Why were people skeptical of doctors?

**2.** *Begin this at the 2-minute mark in the webisode:* List the suggested cures for yellow fever in the appropriate column. Decide whether the cure fits with the more gentle approach favored by doctors William Currie and Jean Deveze or with the "heroic" efforts promoted by Benjamin Rush.

Currie/Deveze	Rush

**3.** What was the theory of humors? How did it justify Rush's approach to curing yellow fever?

4. According to the webisode, gunfire was used in an unsuccessful attempt to end the yellow fever epidemic. What actually did end the spread of the disease?

**EXPLORING PRIMARY SOURCES:**

1. *Pause at 1 minute, 11 seconds. The man standing in the center is saying to the African American woman, "Don't tell me you outlandish hussey of toast and toddy. I say it's the black vomit". (Note that "black vomit" was another term for yellow fever.) What seems to be actually wrong with the patient and who is being made fun of in this cartoon?*

2. *What are the terms for the objects shown at 2 minutes, 50 seconds and how were they used?*

3. *What is shown at 3 minutes, 27 seconds and how was it used?*

4. *Using a dictionary if needed, explain what the title shown at 5 minutes, 32 seconds indicates about the content of the publication.*

**ANALYZING THE INFO:** *What are the three most significant differences between how medicine was practiced in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and how it is practiced today?*

