

Burying the Dead: Victims of the Yellow Fever Epidemic

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. Fill in this chart.

Church and/or denomination	Role in the yellow fever epidemic of 1793
St. Mary's German Catholic Church	
St. Michael's Zion Lutheran Church	
Baptists	
Richard Allen's African American congregation	
Holy Trinity Catholic Church	

2. How many people died during the yellow fever epidemic of 1793? _____

EXPLORING PRIMARY SOURCES:

1. What do the images at 2 minutes, 43 seconds and 3 minutes, 4 seconds illustrate about death and burials during the yellow fever epidemic of 1793?



2. Pause at 4 minutes, 5 seconds. Which of the churches listed at the top of the document lost the most people in September of 1798? Which day seems to have been the deadliest?

ANALYZING THE INFO: Professor Allen Guelzo says that the yellow fever epidemic of 1793 erased **Deism** (the belief that human reason, rather than organized religion, can explain the natural world and the existence of God) in the United States. Why does he say this occurred? Does this reaction make sense to you? Answer on the back or on a separate sheet.