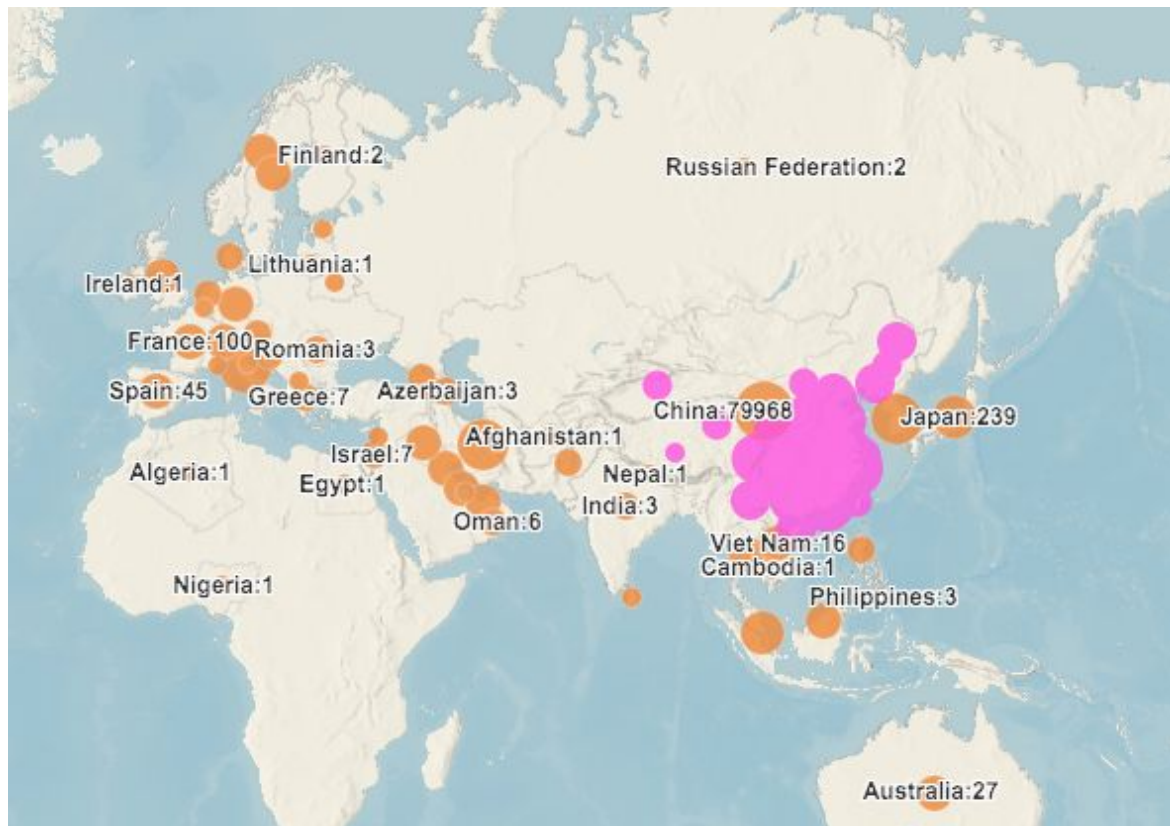




Assembly

What is a pandemic?

What is this picture about?



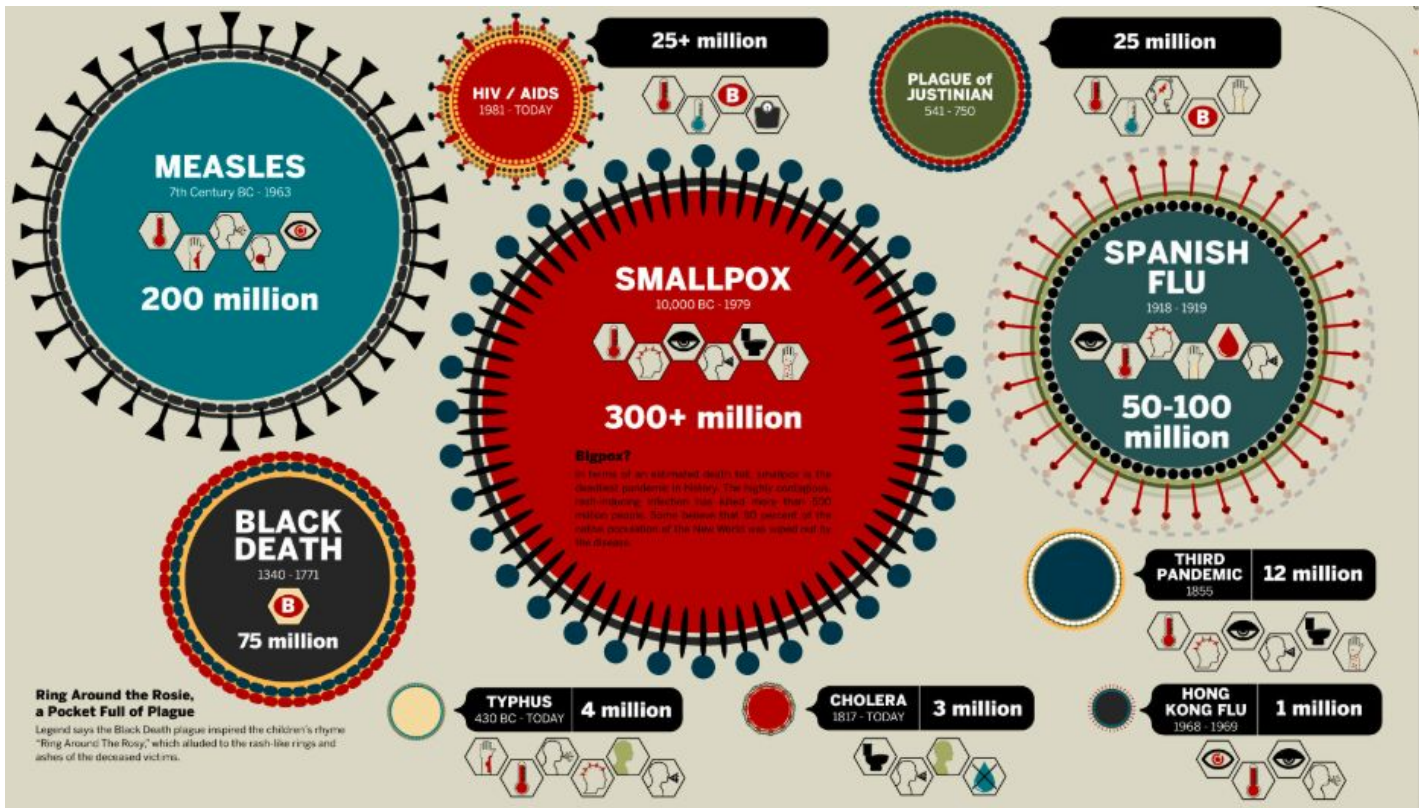
Discuss:

What is the difference between an 'epidemic' and a 'pandemic'?

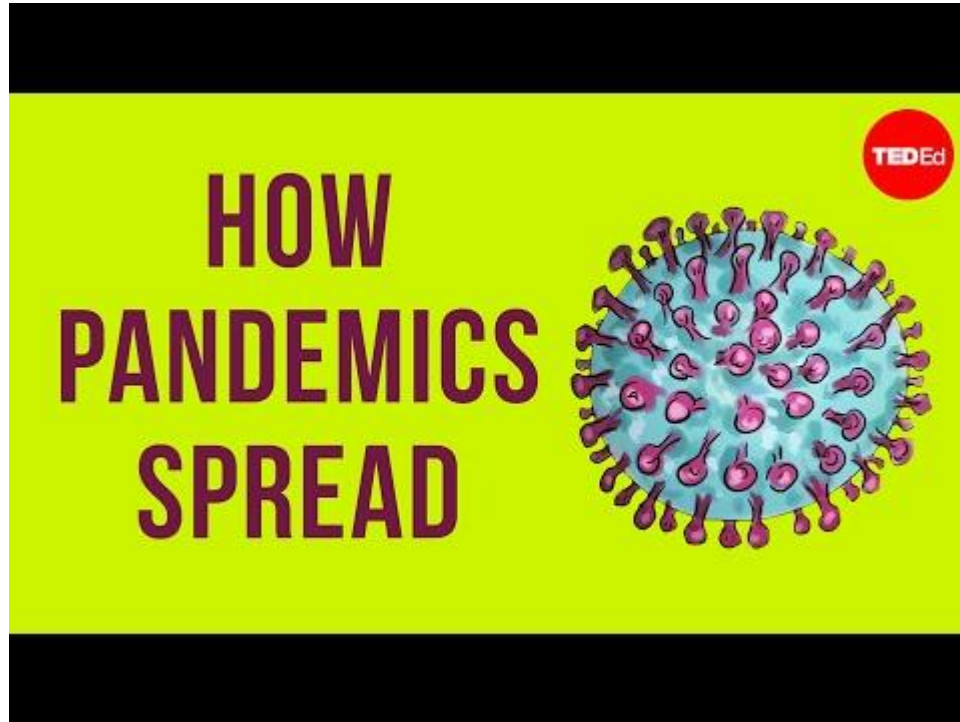
Did you know this?

- A pandemic is an epidemic occurring on a scale which crosses international boundaries, usually affecting a large number of people.
- Pandemics can also occur in farm animals, crops, fish, or trees.
- The World Health Organisation says the new coronavirus is not yet a pandemic (as of midnight on Sunday 1 March 2020).

What is this about?



Video:



Discuss:

**Does it matter whether
the new virus is called a
pandemic or not?**

Quote:

“Using the word ‘pandemic’ carelessly has no tangible benefit, but it does have significant risk in terms of amplifying unnecessary and unjustified fear and stigma, and paralysing systems.”

Tedros Adhanom,

director general of the World Health Organisation

Do you think he is right?