PRIMITIVE TIMES
Thought illness and disease a punishment from the Gods
Witch doctors used herbs and plants as medicines

ANCIENT EGYPTIANS
Physicians were priests
Treated illness with bloodletting and leeches

ANCIENT CHINESE
Used acupuncture
Believed to cure the body you must nourish the spirit

ANCIENT GREEKS
First to observe the human body and the effects of disease
Believed disease the result of natural causes

ANCIENT ROMANS
Established the first hospitals by caring for soldiers in their homes.
Built sewers and aqueducts to create the first public health and sanitation systems.
DARK AGES
Emphasis on saving the soul – the study of medicine was prohibited
Monks and priests treated patients with prayer

MIDDLE AGES
Renewed interest in the medical practices of the Greeks and Romans
Bubonic plague killed 75% of the people in Europe

RENAISSANCE
Dissection of the body led to understanding of anatomy and physiology
Invention of printing press allowed medical knowledge to be shared