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Discussion Questions for Porter, *Blood and Guts: A Short History of Medicine*

Chapters 1-3 → Disease / Doctors / The Body

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How are agriculture and disease linked in human history?

What is the relationship between epidemic disease and patterns of human settlement and migration?

How did the healing profession develop over time?

What displaced humoral medicine theories (and when, and why)?

According to Porter, what defines "irregular medicine" (p. 45) and how is it distinguished from quackery?

Is the body an assemblage of parts or is it a coherent single entity?

What were the major intellectual and technological innovations in ideas about the human body during the Renaissance, and who were the people responsible for these new ideas?

Is disease physiological or ontological (in the parts)?