
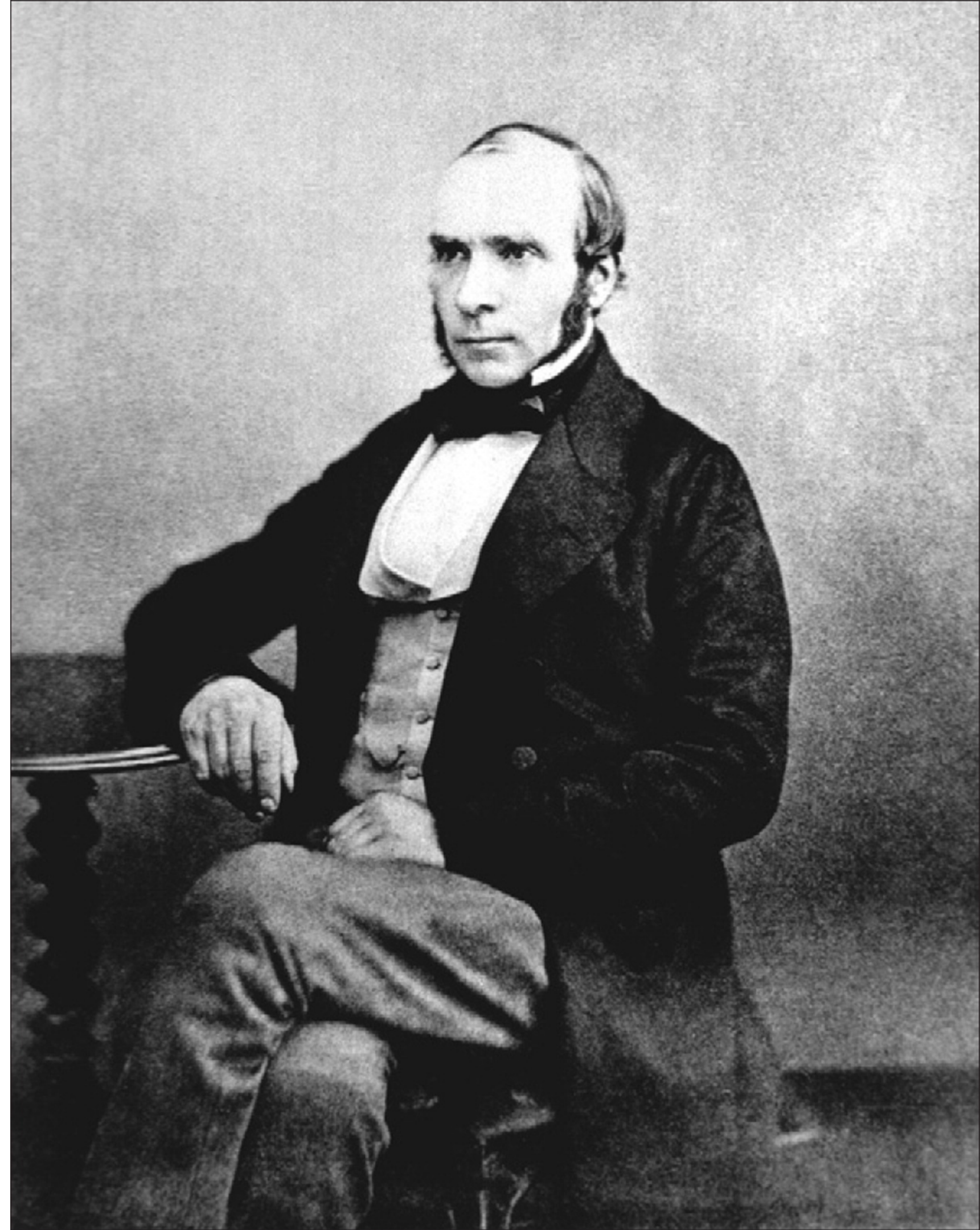


 1813-1858

How Visualizations Gave Birth to Modern Day Epidemiology

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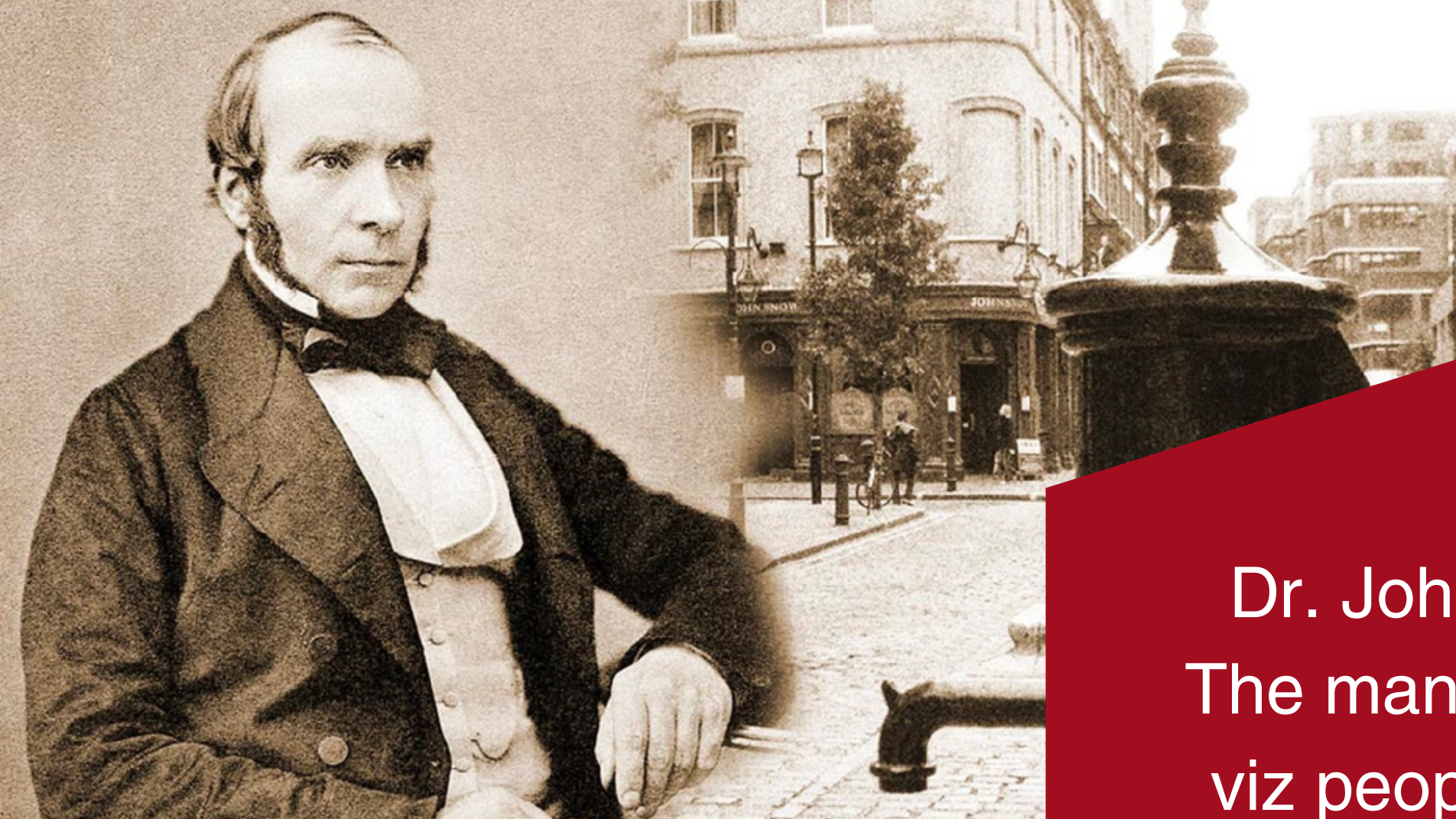
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The John Snow
We Know





Dr. John Snow.
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NOTICE.

PREVENTIVES OF

CHOLERA!

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BE TEMPERATE IN EATING & DRINKING!
Avoid Raw Vegetables and Unripe Fruit !.
Abstain from COLD WATER, when heat-

Understanding London in the 18th-19th Century

Cholera and water born diseases

Large scale migration brought in a growing population

Overcrowding in poor housing, inadequate or nonexistent public water supplies and novel waste-disposal systems

Sewers and toilets drained into the Thames river, leading to an open sewer

Resulted in cholera, dysentery, tuberculosis, typhoid fever, influenza, yellow fever, and malaria

Between 1848 and 1854, cholera outbreaks occurred in areas of London



Why is John Snow Important?



Miasma Theory

Cholera was caused by airborne transmission of poisonous vapors from foul smells due to poor sanitation



Snow's Theory

The cause of cholera was due to contaminated water as the main form of transmission



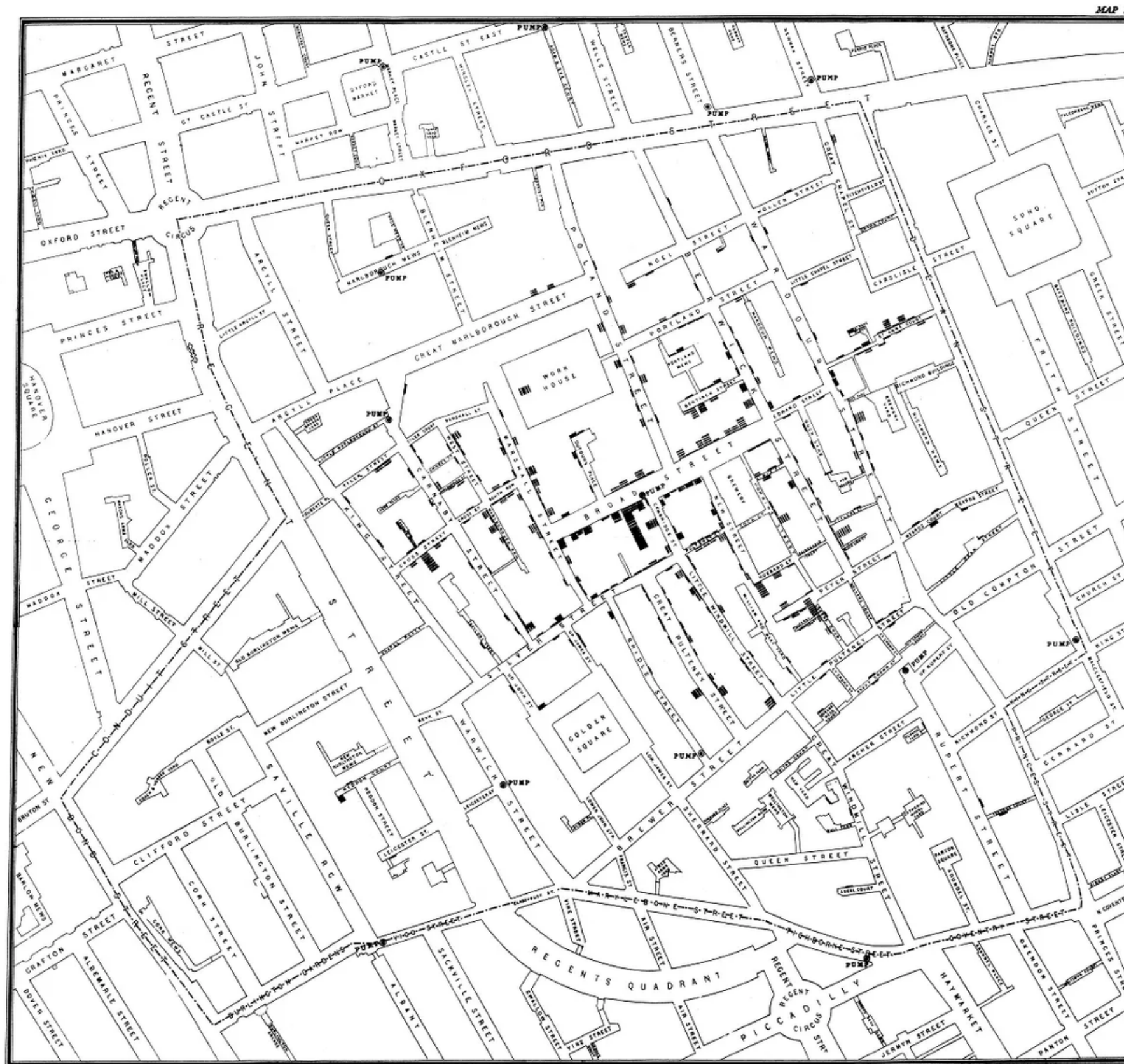
Power of Graphs

Persuaded civic authorities to remove the handle from the Broad Street pump, the epidemic disappeared within a few days

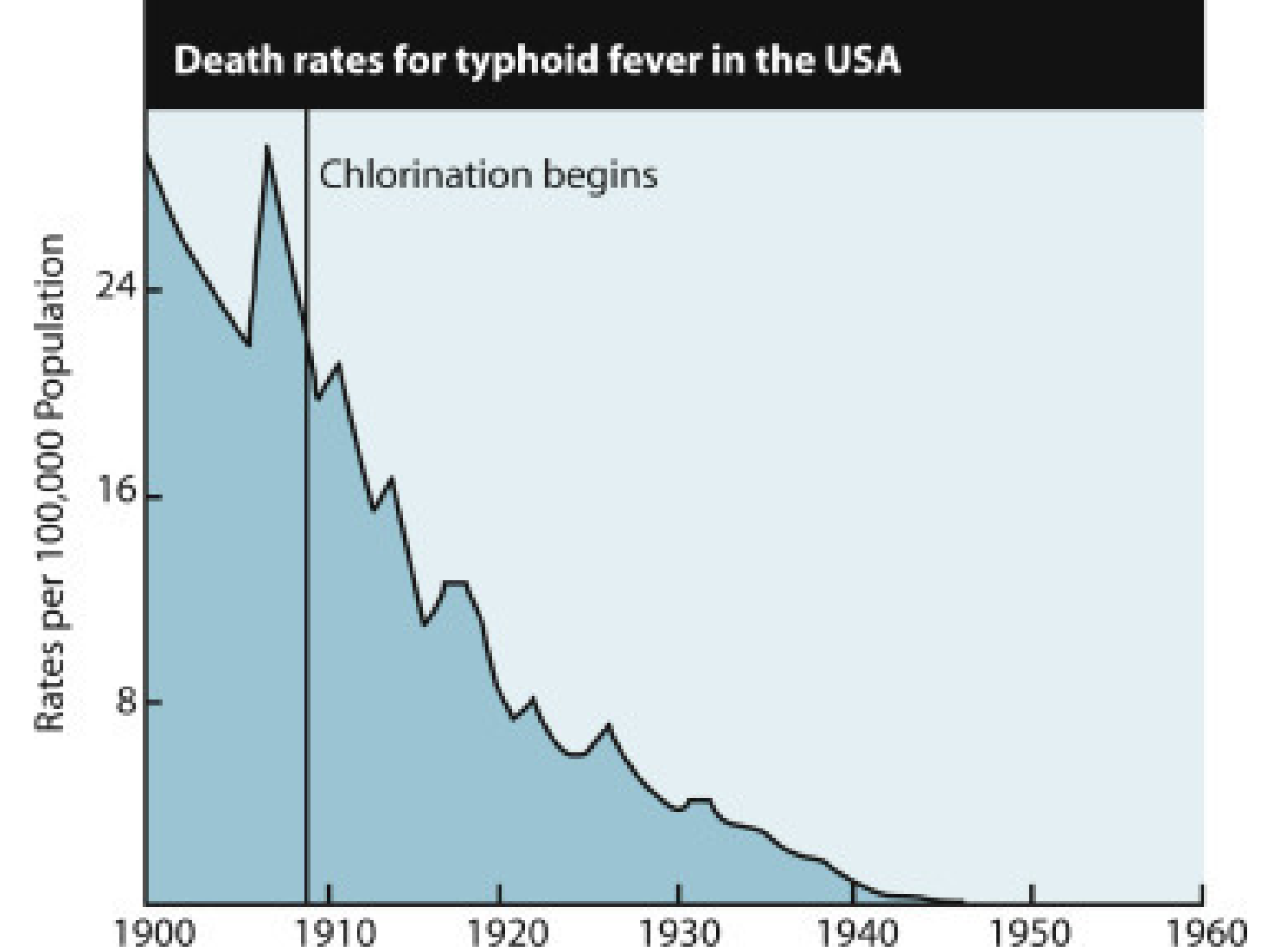
Seaman's Map of Yellow Fever (1795)



Dr. John Snow's Dot Map (1855)



Outcomes



1

Cholera disappeared once the pump usage stopped

2

Decline in water based illnesses throughout the 19th century

3

Established the basic methodology of modern public health for infectious disease investigation!

4

Aided in establishing the validity of the Germ Theory

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