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Sommario/riassunto	Challenging the view that medieval thought was abstract, this text shows that by 1300, society was beginning to measure multitude, counting, for example, numbers of boys and girls being baptised.