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World Civilization

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Dropbox: 6: Worst Jobs in History, the Roman & Anglo-Saxon Era

1) We have learned that wind power, waterpower and, most of all, muscle power were the means by which jobs were done. How do you see these elements conveyed in this film?

These elements have always been essential/irreplaceable for humans. In the film, muscle power were applied in most jobs like work in the mines, metal workers, coin makers, iron hunting, plowing, house building etc. water was used as an ingredient for the mixture needed to finish up constructing the houses made from thin wood staffs which were after covered by a mixture made of very particular ingredients. water was also needed to make bread. And water is also involved in the job of Viking warriors. Another job that involved water in a very particular way was the monks' punishments for atonement by getting in the water at freezing temperatures to prevent people in their communities from going to hell. At that time, modern wind power was still not out there yet but instead, they just naturally used the benefits of the wind like drying up the coated layer on the houses.

2) The film is about "worst jobs" - which of these do you consider the "worst of the worst" and why? although the gold mine was more of a punishment and it was done in dangerous conditions working in the dark and in the cold and it was not guarantee that you will make it out, and the monks punishments were horrible for such a chilly person like me, I personally think that for me the worst job was Guillemot egg collector where people went over the edge on a rope with a bucket to collect the eggs. Because I am afraid of heights, I would do anything to avoid being put in that situation!