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### The Worst Jobs in History

Tony Robinson's film describes the worst jobs in Roman History. Robinson states that what sat in the landscape was bricks that were carried by the people. Every single block build had to be brought by someone hacked out of piece of rock transported one on top of the other and then somebody had to do a bit of pointing. He also points out the medieval wool industry that would have been nothing without fullers spending hours in stale rine south a victorian navvies to build tracks, trains they would have never gone anywhere. The workers had to get their hands dirty in the sewers with violin string makers. Robinson describes the jobs at a level kind of disgusting substance or other blood, gore, urine, and dung.

In the thousands years up to 1066, Robinson said that some jobs were hard, some were messy, others were just frighten. He says that written history began when the Romans invaded and they brought some horrible jobs with them. Gold was very important to the Romans to be used as a status symbol and they had it in Southwest Wales. It seems that the Romans sorted out deep underground but getting it out was the worst jobs in the Roman Empire according to Tony Robinson. Tony called them rotten jobs and most of them were done by the slaves. However, Tony states that for him the worst jobs was working in the gold mines, and even Pliny the elder who had slaves of his won was shocked at the conditions. Robinson says that working in the mines was used as a means of punishment. In order to take the gold out they would use a pick. During the summer it was really hot in the mines and dark and the workers would only have

candles and small lamps. During the winter it was colder inside those mines than it was outside, and Toney said they had the worst of both worlds. The workers had to bent double and carry big heavy loads day-in and day-out. If the weight was not bad enough there was always the danger of falling rocks. It took the life's of hundreds to make the emperors like Nero rich if not thousands of early Welsh miner people who was forced to work in the most horrible, dark and dangerous conditions.

Toney says that the Romans brought a sense of order with them and were civilized. They built streets with houses and workshops in neat straight lines, and left. Yet, the people who came after the Roman left came back to living in mud huts in higgledy-piggledy streets. Another horrible job had to be done as the people had to work off the land which brought difficult back-breaking jobs. Ploughing literally was a matter of life and death. If the people did not plow their fields and plant their crops they would not have food on the table. So plow was important to everyone right through society. They used oxen rather than horses because they were much stronger. As the oxen were able to wade through the kind of soil. I was amazed how the person guiding these oxen would give a command and they would obey the voice in order to move. Toney said in order to dig in the ground you would need to apply a lot of weight and lean heavily downwards.

Another hard job was making charcoal materials that required great heat to make weapons. The iron hammers that were used in the Saxon period Saxon times as bogs were the main source of Iron ore for smelting. I must admit that history was cruel and it helps us today to appreciate today's society. We have it good and are blessed in comparison to what it was. We humans have no idea how blessed we are. Great video.