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### Modern Disease Spread vs. Agrarian Era Disease Spread

The Covid 19 virus is said to have originated in Wuhan, China in their wet markets which were markets that sold meat from animals' people in America and some other countries would not eat such as cats, dogs, and animal who was said to have brought about the coronavirus, the bat. After news of this, other countries attempted to restrict travel but to no avail. In the agrarian era, viruses wouldn't be able to spread to so many corners of the globe due to the limited number of travel methods. However, we live in the 21st century and the ocean barrier no longer exists as we have planes capable of reaching the other side of the globe within a day or so as well as trains and ships. Unfortunately, these seemed to work against humanity because although these forms of transportation were invented to help humans get from one place to another, they also helped the virus to spread to many places as well. Just after the covid virus was categorized as a pandemic by the WHO, the virus had already spread to California. After people tested positive for it in California, it had already begun spreading to parts of Europe causing quarantine measures to be implemented almost everywhere. Some people in Italy took to their balconies to sing together to produce solidarity with one another in quarantine as they had limited social interaction. One difference between diseases spread in the Agrarian Era and the Modern Era is that diseases were not able to spread as far in the Agrarian Era. International Trade was not as commonplace so the virus's victims were limited to the regions near the ground zero of the virus

such as locations accessible on foot or horse. One similarity between the ability for diseases to spread in the Agrarian era and our era, however, is the origin or the vector the diseases used to spread. In the Agrarian era, diseases were able to spread to humans after mutating into a variant capable of being transmitted to humans. For the Agrarian Era, it was cows or livestock and in our era, it was bats which are not livestock but were still treated as a type of cuisine in the wet markets in Wuhan China.

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