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The Worst Jobs in History Documentary

"The Worst Jobs in History" is a documentary series hosted by Tony Robinson that explores people's unpleasant and often dangerous working conditions throughout history. The first episode focuses on the Roman and Anglo-Saxon periods in Britain. The episode begins with Robinson visiting a gold mine, then he visits a village replica and helps with daily tasks like pulling oxen in the field, making mud to build walls, grinding grain to make flour, and baking the bread.

In the middle of the episode, the journalist described the job of the bog iron hunter and the jobs that needed iron. For iron tools to be produced, fire was needed. Coal was needed for the fire to stay lit, so one of the tasks was to produce coal. Another peculiar job cited was the coin stamper, who had to risk his body parts to make pennies. Robinson also describes the monk's life; they had the same daily tasks as ordinary people, praying every three hours. Some monks also had to write and copy documents and could not commit written mistakes.

He follows the documentary about the Vikings who invaded England and tells the worst works of the Viking warriors. Warriors had to fish and row non-stop for days until they found land. Fish served as food and to produce oil. The oil was used to help roll the boats when loading them to cross stretches of land.

Finally, Tony describes the work of climbers who risked their lives to collect Guillemot's eggs. I agree that he describes this as the worst work of the episode. Climbers had to risk themselves on the cliffs, without any safety device, and with handmade ropes, to collect the eggs. One wrong step, and they could fall off the cliff with almost zero chances of surviving.

In this episode, the show emphasizes the importance of muscle power and fire in various jobs throughout history. Robinson attempts to use muscle power to complete tasks such as plowing a field with oxen and building houses with mud. He also demonstrates the manual labor necessary for a miner, a stone loader, and a Viking warrior. While fire was crucial for mining, producing coal, making coins, and iron tools.