

Film: Worst Jobs in History, Roman and Anglo-Saxon Era

Questions:

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

During the Roman era, water power was often used for milling grains and crushing ores, while wind power was used for pumping water and grinding grains. Muscle power was also commonly used, especially for agriculture, transportation, and construction. In the Anglo-Saxon era, wind power was primarily used for grinding grains, while water power was used for milling and grinding grains and processing fibers. Muscle power remained an essential source of energy, as it was used for various tasks such as plowing, tilling, and harvesting crops, as well as for transportation and construction. Overall, during both the Roman and Anglo-Saxon eras, the use of wind power, water power, and muscle power played an important role in everyday life and economic activities. These different sources of energy provided essential power for various tasks, especially those related to food production and processing, which were the primary occupations during those times.

2. The film is about "worst jobs" - which of these do you consider the "worst of the worst" and why?

Out of all the jobs they had to do, it's difficult to determine which one would be considered the worst. However, if I had to choose which job was the worst it would have to be the fuller job. They were responsible for cleaning and shrinking woolen cloth in the Anglo-Saxon era. This involved stomping on the cloth with their bare feet in a mixture of water and urine, which was not only unpleasant but also potentially dangerous to their health. I try and put myself in their

position and I don't think I can see myself potentially achieving and continuing that job because of how sickening it would make me feel.