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The agrarian era was a different time where people had very different lives from what is normal in our modern world today. Daily life experiences differ in various areas. Some of the most interesting and important differences will be explained in the following paper.

Differences start already before a person is born. Due to poor Hygiene and missing knowledge of nutrition and self-cleaning the conditions for infants to be born were much lower compared to our modern world. We have the medicine and the infrastructure to prevent midwives so that all dangers of birth are minimized.

Of course, the general life expectancy was also much lower than today. In fact, at that time life expectancy was higher for men because women had the risk to die due to a problematic birth on a regular basis. Nowadays, men are the ones with the lower life expectancy due to the missing danger of women dying from a birth and because men naturally put themselves into more dangerous situations which do have very bad endings in some cases.

Another interesting fact on the subject of birth is that the socially higher ranked families usually had more children. Some reasons might be better hygiene, better medical and personal support as well as no effective contraceptives to prevent more pregnancies. Nowadays we experience the exact opposite. Poor families, especially in poor regions usually have a lot of children because they need them to provide for them when they get older. Wealthy families have

less children, because it's less work and because they can hand their children their businesses and wealth over without having to split it between 20 children.

As the children grew and were able to do little things they started to be educated to work. They didn't go to school, instead, their families showed them how to be a worker. So all they learned was how to do this one specific job. When children decided to do something else they could but they had to be taken over by another family which does the job the children wants to learn. In our modern world, most children get a solid basic education and can decide what they want to do. It makes such a huge difference because everyone human is born with different talents and it is so much more efficient if everyone does what they do best.

Especially for girls early arranged marriages and pregnancy were a huge thing. Very early they were put into a completely new situation which they had to manage with some guy as their husband and probably a child very soon. This also meant that they had to learn how to be a wife and how to care for the family very quick so that they are ready when it begins. On top of that rapes were a big thing especially when villages got attacked and taken over. In the modern world, arranged marriages are still a big thing in some parts of the world but the majority of cultures no longer practice this. Marriages are also usually much later on in life and there is less cultural pressure to be married at a certain age and/or to have children. The danger of being raped also decreased enormously for women.

Work at that time could be easily described as "low efficiency and slow communication". Almost everything was handmade because machines and electricity weren't used yet. They would use the power of wind and water to support their work but they weren't able to store and convert that energy. On top of that, communication was missing which held them from building business chains and making connections to make their work more efficient. This changed with

the beginning of the industrial era. Now we can communicate with everyone on the whole planet in less than a second and we have enormous business alliances with many different specialized companies which all work together to enhance profit and efficiency.

To take all into consideration, after reading about how people lived in the agrarian era and what their daily life looked like, I have a new and better understanding of the enormous advantage which our modern world brings with it. The world has changed a lot and with it our daily life, which is much more open/free and diversified than ever before. Hopefully, humanity keeps making the right decisions so that in the future we will wish we never lived in our time right now.