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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?

To be honest I couldn't find any job mentioned in the list that used the power of water and wind. As we learned from different sources like the book, there definitely are areas where people used these natural forces to support their work but none of them were mentioned in the film.

One force that was mentioned is the power of farming animals. The film presents the job of a farmer and shows how people used oxen to pull the plow. Oxen are very strong animals which allowed the farmers to make them do the job of pulling the plow around.

But all the other jobs were using the raw human physical and mental power. The jobs had different challenges and sometimes they had combined challenges but all of them were significant for the society's survival.

Considering the question and the film, I guess what I take with me is that physical work was the most important and nothing was able to replace that.

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

I believe if you have problems with height, the last job, gathering eggs must be the worst but as I don't have this problem I would be fine.

For me personally, the first mentioned job was the worst. Mining for gold in these extremely small and uncomfortable mines has to be very tough. This job makes you physically exhausted; in the summer it gets unbearable hot and in the winter cold; the danger of dying due to falling rocks or explosions is much higher than you think; and on top of that it takes a lot of mental strength to work under these conditions and the pressure of your employer. For me, another challenge would be my claustrophobia as the small tunnels would make me extremely uncomfortable.

All in all, out of all the jobs presented in the film "The Worst Jobs In History 1 of 6 Roman Anglo Saxon " the gold mining job is the worst job from my point of view.