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### Worst Jobs

The first terrible job depicted in the video was gold mining, which was created by the Romans because of their love of gold. A variety of weather conditions, such as being either too hot or too cold, made working conditions almost unbearable. In order to efficiently get through large amounts of rock, there was a process of creating a type of explosion in order to break up large amounts of rock. Once shafted, the rock required muscle power to be carried out. The danger involved in the whole process is worse than the muscle power and climate conditions.

Another job requiring muscle power but without risking their lives was plowing the land. People used oxens, not horses, to drag a heavy wooden plow, while they used a lot of muscle power to push the plow needed to accomplish getting the land plowed daily.

In order to complete the job of Wattle and Daubing you needed the following elements: water, straw, mud and lastly dung was needed to create the daub required for making walls. It was not the muscle power that made this a horrible job, rather it was the dung needed for the daub that earned wattle and daubing on the worst jobs list. Grinding grain into flour and making bread was time consuming and required muscle power only to feed a family a twelve. Grinding the grain took three hours followed by kneading the dough to form patties to be cooked on the fire was enough work to earn a place on the worst job list.

In the Dark Ages warring kingdoms with Umbria swords and armor required iron and that created another terrible job, the bog iron hunter. Hunting for bog ore, to be melted into iron

was a back-breaking and thankless job they had workers out in all weathers in places like the murky wetlands.

The monastery was a key part of Saxon life, monks led a life of prayer but in Saxon times it was much harder and a tough job. Monks lived in huts they built themselves, they made their own bread and did their own plowing. The worst part of being a monk was that they had to do everything that everyone else had to do and they had their day job to do as well.

Charcoal making in Saxon times was very difficult, everybody needed charcoal all of the time and it all had to be made. It was a long hard and very difficult job that every village would have had its own charcoal maker they set up in the forest. They built it up into a sort of igloo shaped wood oven to slowly bake the wood, and lit a fire that took five hours to catch. What made charcoal a really horrible job was the process once it was lit. You had to just sit and watch it for up to 100 hours solid.

Another horrible job of the Viking warrior, and it was a job the The Viking boats were large ships with a dozen people rowing. The life on the boat would have been pretty cramped and uncomfortable and probably extremely smelly and with no toilet facilities.

**Which job do you consider the worst job and why?** I think the worst job would be the coal miner. It is time consuming with conditions so dangerous that you could lose your life. Plus, the uncomfortable weather conditions make that job one of the reasons I consider it the worst job.