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History

The Tudors

Book: Rich and poor in Tudor Times

Pages 38-41 and videos

Everything here is based on our Curriculum Visions book Rich and poor in Tudor times.

In this segment we are going to think about the problems of being poor.

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Part 1

What was the difference between stocks and pillories?

Answer.....

You sat down with your legs in stocks, but you stood up with your head and arms fixed in pillories. In stocks you could at least try to get out of the way of things being thrown at you.

Who were vagrants?

Answer.....

Vagrants were people without jobs who came from outside the parish. People worried about these vagrants stealing things, so they were punished and sent on their way. Some were even hanged.

What was an almshouse or hospital?

Answer.....

Almshouses were simple dwellings for the deserving poor of the parish. Hospitals were the same, but for the elderly. Hospitals in those days did not look after the sick.

Part 2

Turn to page 40.

Where were many of the rented buildings?

Answer.....

In what had been empty spaces behind existing houses. They were often cammed in around a small open space to make a court.

What happened about toilets in these houses?

Answer.....

Nothing happened. Although there were regulations and fines, none were effective at stopping filth

building up in streets. In any case, it was not seen as filth at the time, but just what was. No one knew about infectious diseases and what caused them, so they had no reason to clean up.

Who lived in each room of these rented buildings?

Answer.....

Usually at least one family. But that would be true to the present day in some poor neighbourhoods. Essentially all they got was a space to sleep and rest after a hard day's work.

What were the animals doing?

Answer.....

The animals were a way of trying to make a little extra money by rearing animals and then selling them. People were used to doing this as part of what countryside living had been like since the Stone Age.

What was the plague and how was it treated?

Answer.....

The plague was an infectious disease. There was no known cure. Anyone with it was locked down and left to get better or die. It is a remarkably similar way of trying to cope with something that has no cure as with the Covid 19 virus, so not everything has changed.

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