The Golden Age

Would you like to live in a time where sicknesses were common, garbage filled the streets, and it was super violent? No? Then I suggest you wouldn’t like to live in the so called Golden Age. In the Golden Age, sickness spread like wildfire, violence was EVERYWHERE, and garbage filled the streets.

I wouldn’t like to live in the Golden Age because there was no good medicine to cure bad sicknesses. The Golden Age was a bad time to live in because everybody got sick from health problems because of rat-borne illnesses. There were no good doctors, so people got diseases such as Black Death, nobody could cure them. In the Golden Age, sicknesses were sometimes caused by food spoilage because they didn’t have refrigerators. These also could lead to death.

I wouldn’t like to live in the Golden Age because they threw all of their garbage in the streets. London stunk because of garbage in the streets. During plays, rich people took oranges, wrapped them in cloth, and then smelled them to get rid of stench. The garbage made London stink, and girls carried fans because of the smell. Queen Elizabeth I carried a pomade ball to get the terrible odor away from her. I wouldn’t like to live in the Golden Age because they threw all of their waste in the streets; they even threw stuff from their toilets! It stayed until it rotted or washed into the Thames.

Also, I would love to stay in my time because we don’t have as much violence as they did. In the Golden Age, it was super violent. They would joust, and in plays, would have a pouch of sheep’s blood to stab so it looked like they were bleeding. People would hang a person’s head on a gate after they were beheaded so people could see whom they had executed. Secondly, I would not like to watch bear-baiting because it was disgusting. By the way, bear-baiting is where starving dogs would get the chance to kill and eat a bear. Lastly, I would not like to live in the Elizabethan Age because they had very strict laws and would execute people for nothing at all.

So you see what I mean by how violent and gross it was! I do NOT want to live in the Golden Age because it was a bad time to live in. In conclusion, I do not want to live in the Golden Age because of sickness, how much garbage was in the streets, and all of the violence.

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