The Medieval Peasant or Serf

Peasants were on all of the lands owned or rented by nobles/knights (vassals).

These peasants were similar to slaves, with some key differences. They can’t leave the land/marry without permission.

Key difference: They were not owned. Often left to run the town/village, thus learning the laws and becoming educated.

Town of Gotham pretended to be insane to avoid the king passing through, and thus raising taxes.

Houses: wood and stick huts, small, with a fireplace, and a bed. Even among peasants there were upper and lower classes. The Reeve would have owned the most land and been in charge of keeping the town / farming in order.

Drank a lot of alcohol because of a lack of good water sources. Ate pottage, the basic recipe: throw some stuff in a pot with water and boil for 2 hours.

They did have fleas, and for warmth, often would bring farm animals into the house at night.