

Annales iuvavenses

Country: Germany

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Also Known As: Annals of Salzburg

Genre: History

Year: 9th and 10th centuries

Author:

Why Important: First mention of Vienna, notes the location of the Battle of Pressburg in 907, and documents the assassination attempt of King Carloman in 878; it now exists only in fragments.

Divina Commedia

Country: Italy

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Also Known as: The Divine Comedy

Genre: Poetry

Year: Mid 1300s

Author: Dante Alighieri

Why Important: A masterpiece of world literature and the most important work of Italian letters, the Comedy comes in three books: the Inferno, Purgatorio, and Paradiso.

Las Huelgas Apocalypse

Country: Spain

Value: +++++

Also Known As: Revelation

Genre: Religion

Year: 1220

Author: N/A

Why Important: Part of a 500 year series on commentaries on the Apocalypse.

The Rothschild Prayerbook

Country: Flanders

Value: +++++

Genre: Religion (Book of Hours)

Year: Early 1500s

Author: N/A

Why Important: The most expensive illuminated manuscript sold, it is considered a set of renaissance paintings within the pages of a book.

Lindisfarne Gospels

Country: England

Value: +++++

Genre: Religion

Year: Early 8th century

Author: N/A, Artist Eadfrith,

Monk from Northumbria

Why Important: Extremely costly to produce, it is a treasure from the period between the Celtic and Roman church in Britain written in Latin and then annotated in Anglo-Saxon; this manuscript shows the earliest trace of the English gospels.

La Historia Universal de las Cosas de Nueva España

Country: Americas

Value: +++++

Also Known As: The Universal

History of the Things of New

Spain, The Florentine Codex

Genre: History

Author: Nahua men

commissioned by Bernardino

de Sahagún

Why Important: Most complete account of Aztec culture and one of the most significant accounts of non-Western culture, includes over 2,000 illustrations to discuss religion, philosophy, history, and science.