

A Repository of Medieval Latin Texts for Level I Examination

NB: This list is **not** intended as a comprehensive reading list (on the model of Classics graduate programs), nor any sort of effort at constructing a 'canon' of medieval Latin. Rather, this is a list of texts from which passages on the Level One exam may be drawn, all at a level of difficulty that is appropriate for that examination. The Latin Committee will review this list on an annual basis and may add or substitute other texts. If updated, the list will be published in the Winter semester.

Text	Genre	Period	Location	Notes
<i>Passio Perpetuae</i>	Hagiography	3 rd	Tunisa	
<i>Vulgate Bible</i>	Scripture	4 th	Palestine	
<i>One Hundred Latin Hymns</i>	Hymns	4 th -12 th	Italy	DOML 18
<i>Historia Apollonii Regis Tyri</i>	Fiction	5 th ?	Italy?	TMLT 36
<i>Regula Benedicti</i>	Religious Rule	6 th	Italy	TLMT 13
Gregory of Tours, <i>Lives and Miracles</i>	History	6 th	France	DOML 39; Orthography and case endings normalised if necessary
Letters of Alcuin	Epistolary	8 th	England & Germany	<i>MGH Epp.</i> 4, pp. 1-481
Bede, <i>Historia Ecclesiastica</i>	History	8 th	England	
Einhard, <i>Vita Karoli Magni</i>	History/biography	9 th	Germany	
Agnellus of Ravenna, <i>Liber pontificalis</i>	History/biography	9 th	Italy	
Paul the Deacon, <i>Historia Langobardorum</i>	History	9 th	Italy	
<i>Navigatio Sancti Brendani</i>	Hagiography	10 th	Ireland	
<i>Waltharius</i>	Epic	10 th	Germany/ Switzerland	MGH PLAC 6
<i>Carmen in victoriam pisanorum</i>	Poetry	11 th	Italy	
<i>Carmina Burana</i>	Poetry	11 th -12 th	Germany	
Hugh of St. Victor, <i>Didascalicon de studio legendi</i>	Education	12 th	France	
Geoffrey of Monmouth, <i>Historia Regum Britanniae</i>	History	12 th	England	
<i>Epitome of Biblical History</i>	Glosses	12 th	England	TMLT 30
Hildegard of Bingen, <i>Liber Vitae Meritorum</i>	Devotional	12 th	Germany	

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Clare of Assisi, <i>Forma vitae</i>	Religious Rule	13 th	Italy	
Albertus Magnus, <i>De animalibus</i>	Philosophy	13 th	Germany	
Vincent de Beauvais, <i>Speculum Maius</i>	Encyclopedic	13 th	France	
Jacob de Voragine, <i>Legenda Aurea</i>	Hagiography	13 th	Italy	
Carlin and Crouch, <i>Lost Letters of Medieval Life</i>	Epistolary	13 th -14 th	England	U Penn Press, 2013
<i>Gesta Romanorum</i>	Exempla	13 th -14 th	Northern Europe	
Birgitta of Sweden, <i>Revelationes</i>	Devotional	14 th	Sweden	
Arnoldus Leodiensis (Arnold of Seraing), <i>Alphabetum Narrationum</i>	Exempla	13 th -14 th	Belgium	CCCM 160
<i>Book of British Kings</i>	Poetry/history	14 th -11 th	England	TMLT 26