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Medieval English Devotional Prose



In the _____, religious texts played a vital role in society. People found comfort and guidance in _____ writings. These texts often combined spiritual teachings with daily life lessons. Monks and nuns in _____ spent hours copying these manuscripts by hand. The most famous devotional text from this period is the _____. This book contained prayers to be recited at specific times of the day. It was not only a religious guide but also a symbol of _____.

One notable feature of these texts was the use of the _____ language. Previously, Latin was the dominant language for religious writings. However, in the 14th century, authors like _____ began writing in English. This made devotional texts more accessible to the general population. The _____, while not strictly a devotional text, reflected religious themes and the social fabric of the time.

Another important aspect was the inclusion of _____. These were not just decorative. They helped convey the message of the text, especially to those who couldn't read. The _____ is an excellent example, known for its detailed and whimsical illustrations.

Devotional texts also reflected the _____ values of the time. Themes like humility, charity, and the importance of a virtuous life were common. They provided moral guidance and helped shape the _____ of medieval society. Despite the passage of centuries, these texts continue to offer valuable insights into medieval life and religious practices.

monasteries

piety

Canterbury Tales

Chaucer

illustrations

Middle Ages

vernacular

Luttrell Psalter

ethics

Book of Hours

societal

devotional