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Topic European Classic Literature

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The Middle Ages

European literary history underwent a significant change with the fall of Roman empire in 476 CE. Because of the Roman empire influence, the Roman catholic church expanded throughout the Europe and continue to be the principal intellectual ~~ex~~ establishment of the Middle Ages. This is the reason that large numbers of the Middle Ages manuscript that have ~~survived~~ survived are religious in character. These works typically portrayed Biblical stories and includes hymns, theological essays, and so called mystery plays.

The middle Ages saw the production of secular literature in addition to religious texts, but in lower amounts. Many of these books were based on fables and history that had been passed on orally for generations before being eventually recorded in writing during the middle Ages. Examples of these texts

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Old English Beowulf! (700-1000AD),
and the Welsh Y Gododdin
(7th - 11th cent). The Christian
Academics who translated
these texts frequently made
changes to them. They changed
the historical record that
survives of these old works of
literature by adding Christian
elements that would not have
been in the oral tradition
of the original narrative..

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To be continued.