

# Palaeography

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- What is the palaeography?
- History of palaeography
- Instruments

- Writing tools and supports
- Technical limitations of writing
- *Ductus*
- ☞ Example

- Abbreviation types:
  - conventional signs
  - shortening of words
- Instruments for deciphering
- ☞ Example

oīl doct̄na ē d̄ reb⁹ l̄ d̄ sig⁹ zc

Omnis doctrina est de rebus vel de signis etc.

- Evolution
- Characteristics
- Abbreviations
- ☞ Example

a b c d e f g h i l m n o p q r s t u x y z  
a b c d e f g h i l m n o p q r s t u x y z  
a b c d e f g h i l m n o p q r s t u x y z

- Evolution
- Characteristics
- Punctuation
- ☞ Example

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U X Y Z  
a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u x y z

- Characteristics
- Corrections and annotations
- ⌚ Example

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U X Y Z  
a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u x y z

- Evolution
- Characteristics
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U X Y Z  
a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u x y z

- Parts of notation: lemma, reading, explanation, sigil
- Common editorial abbreviations

☞ Example

omnis] sacra *add.* C   ||   rebus] *om.* C   ||   signis] singulis *B*, sygnis *C*

- The reading
- Differences between manuscripts:
  - different orthographies
  - additions and omissions
  - copyist mistakes
  - editorial variants
- Collation procedures:
  - serial
  - parallel
  - mixed

## Example

- A: Omnis doctrina est de rebus vel de signis.  
B: Omnis doctrina vel rebus est vel *singulis*.  
C: Omnis sacra doctrina est de sygnis.

- General critical elements (in the introduction)
- Textual critical elements
  - Philological/palaographical apparatus
  - Source apparatus
  - Other types of apparatus (*traditio textus*, comparative, explanatory)