

Most common Western Annotation Symbols in the Early Middle Ages

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REMEMBER, CONTEXT IS THE KING!

1 QUOTATION SIGNS

- S SS)) S-shaped flourish
- ..) ...)? Insular type
- VWY WV yfen
- ÷ ~ obelus-shaped type
- > > > dipole

6 EXCEPTION SIGNS

- ⊕ ¶ ¶ "hic" ⊕ "usque (hic)"
- ⊕ ¶ paragraphus ⊕ positura
- n ⊕ f "nota" ⊕ "finit"
- s ⊕ d "scribe" ⊕ "dimitte"
- i ⊕ f "incipit" ⊕ "finit"
- A ⊕ Ω alpha ⊕ omega
- L ⊕ d "lege" ⊕ "dimitte"
- k ⊕ f "kaput" ⊕ "finit"

2 CORRECTION/DELETION SIGNS

- Rx R r Rq require
- Z Y Y Z zetei/zeta
- ∪ ∪ ∪ cryphia
- ⊕ ⊕ frontis
- ÷ ~ ∴ ⊕ obelus
- ⊕ ⊕ theta

7 CRITICAL SIGNS

- ⊕ ÷ ~ obelus
- ⊗ asteriscus
- ⊕ ~~~~~~~~ : obelus ⊕ metobelus
- ⊕ ⊕ anchora superior
- ⊕ ⊕ anchora inferior
- ⊕ ⊕ theta

3 ATTENTION SIGNS

- N N N n. nota
- L * t lege
- ∴ trigon
- ⊕ ⊕ ⊕ chresimon
- ⊕ ⊕ frontis
- ⊕ ⊕ horaion
- ⊕ Pt-sign
- ⊕ dignum memoriae
- Dm D.m.

8 MISCELLANEOUS

- + ⊕ ∴ ⊕ cross
- ∴ ∴ ∴ ∴ dot-slash type
- ∴ distigme

4 TEXT-STRUCTURING SIGNS

- K R kaput/kappa
- ⊗ ⊕ ⊗ asteriscus
- ⊕ + ⊕ cross
- J J coronis

POST-CAROLINGIAN SIGNS*

- ∴ ∴ trifolium
- ☞ manicula
- { } brackets

* - could not be early medieval!

GREEK SIGNS

- ⊕ ⊕ ⊕ horaion
- ⊕ ⊕ heliakon
- ⊕ ⊕ semeiosai
- Z Y zetei

5 OMISSION SIGNS

- ⊕ ⊕ anchorae
- ⊕ ⊕ Insular type
- d ⊕ h "hic sursum"
- hs ⊕ hd "hic deorsum"
- ⊗ ⊕ ⊗ asteriscus

INSULAR REPERTOIRE

- L * t lege
- Z Y zetei
- ∴ Insular quotation sign
- H mu
- ⊕ ⊕ quaeſtio (?)
- ∴ trigon
- ⊕ ⊕ antisigma (?)
- ⊗ chresimon
- ⊕ oculus
- d ⊕ h "deest" ⊕
- "hic" omission signs