



BIOGRAPHY OF CHARLEMAGNE
742 C.E. – 814 C.E.

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- *Charles the Great (Charlemagne) became king of the Franks at age 29.*
- *He married and divorced many different women and had at least 18 different children .*



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- *Charlemagne was an intelligent person.*



- *He studied many subjects and especially enjoyed astronomy.*

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- *He could speak many languages, including German and Latin.*



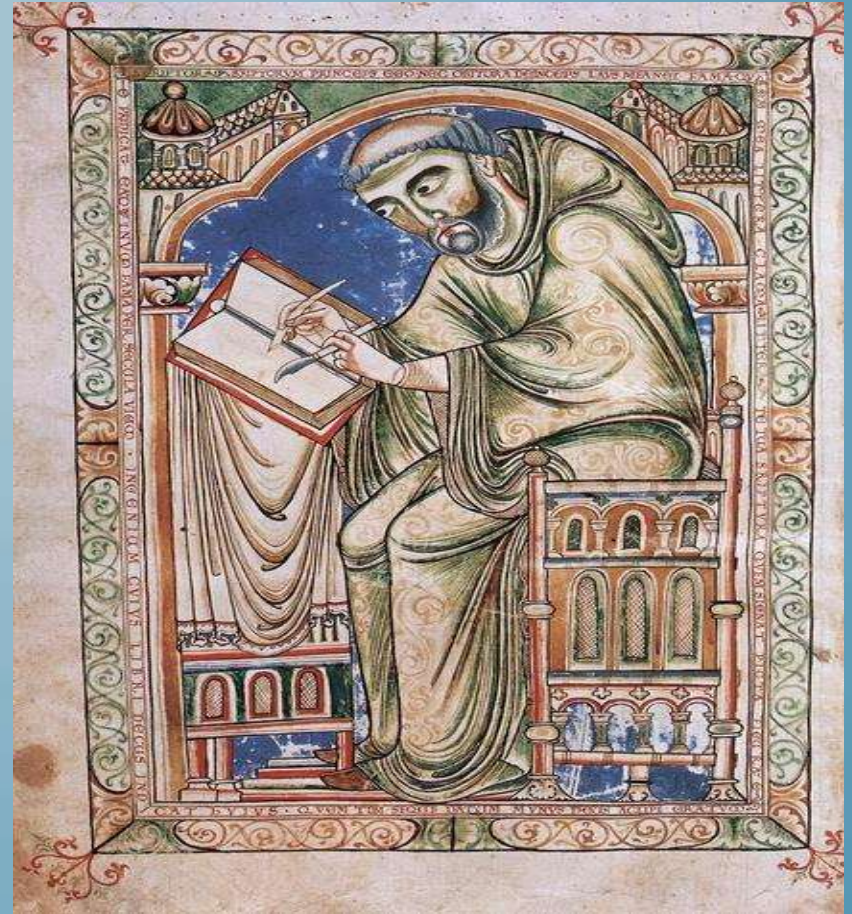
- *He also could read, however he had a difficult time writing. (Throne of Charlemagne)*

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- Einhard, the king's historian and scribe, wrote that Charlemagne “used to keep tablets under his pillow in order that at leisure hours he might accustom his hand to form the letters, but he began these efforts so late in life, they met with ill success.”



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- *Charlemagne was disappointed to learn that the Franks were not as educated as the people of Britain and Ireland.*
- *In 782 C.E., he arranged for several famous scholars to come to his capital in Aachen and create a school in his royal palace.*

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- During his reign, schools opened throughout his empire and many people were educated.

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- *Then and Now Writing Assignment:*
- *Charlemagne realized the importance of education. He arranged reading and writing lessons for his people.*
- *In a well written two paragraph essay I would like you to compare our schools programs today to that of Charlemagne's school programs. What types of programs does our government fund and what do you enjoy about school?*