

# *Languages & Scripts*

## *1121 A.D.*

All characters begin with one native language. Additional languages may be learned if they are available.

Some characters may have more than one native language, depending on their background.

Fluency in a language or script is determined by the character's skill level:

<i>Skill %</i>	<i>Fluency Level</i>	<i>Social Class</i>
90%	Expertise	4 – 6
80%	Mastery	3 – 6
65%	Fluency	1 – 5
50%	Basic Fluency	1 – 3
35%	Rudimentary	1

Starting skills in native languages are influenced by one's social class.

While high levels of fluency are typical among scholars or the wealthy, often the poor hold only basic fluency in their native language.

Choose whatever fluency level you feel is appropriate for your character, based on his background and social class.

Here is a list of all the languages and scripts used during the 12<sup>th</sup> century.

Different languages were spoken during different times and in different places.

### **Note that English & French were not spoken during the 12<sup>th</sup> century!**

English came into use during the 16<sup>th</sup> century, while French appeared in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

In the 12<sup>th</sup> century, French was divided into two kinds, one for the upper classes (Langue d'oil) and one for the lower classes (Langue d'oc).

Instead of English, those living on the British Isles spoke the language of the Norman conquerors (Langue d'oil & Langue d'oc), or a local language such as Cornish, Welsh, or various dialects of Gaelic. Norse languages were also common.

**Popular trading languages** included Byzantine Greek, Italian, Langue d'oc, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Arabic, Farsi, and the Norse languages (Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian, Swedish).

On the continent, various Germanic languages were common, especially in the Holy Roman Empire.

Classical Latin and Greek were spoken by scholars mostly.

### *Germanic Languages*

<i>Language</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Century</i>
Old Saxon	Germany	3 <sup>rd</sup> A.D. to 13 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
German	Germany	12 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Yiddish	Germany	9 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Middle Dutch	Holland	11 <sup>th</sup> A.D. to 16 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
Scots	Scotland	9 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Frisian	Europe	9 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
<i>Northern</i>		
Danish	Denmark	9 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Faroese	Faroe Isles	9 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Icelandic	Iceland	9 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Norwegian	Norway	9 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Swedish	Sweden	9 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +

### *Celtic Languages*

<i>Language</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Century</i>
Cornish	England	8 <sup>th</sup> B.C. to 18 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
Welsh	England	11 <sup>th</sup> A.D. to 15 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
Breton	France	4 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
<i>Goidelic</i>		
Middle Irish	Ireland	10 <sup>th</sup> A.D. to 15 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
Manx Gaelic	Manx Isle	5 <sup>th</sup> A.D. to 20 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
Irish Gaelic	Ireland	5 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Scottish Gaelic	Scotland	5 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +

### *Romance Languages*

<i>Language</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Century</i>
<i>Insular</i>		
Sardinian	Sardinia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D.+
<i>Western</i>		
Langue d'oil	France	10 <sup>th</sup> A.D. to 16 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
Langue d'oc	France	10 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Spanish	Spain	6 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Asturian	Spain	6 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Galician	Galicia	6 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Catalan	Spain	6 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Portuguese	Portugal	6 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Italian	Italy	10 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Corsican	Corsica	6 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Romansh	Rhaetic	9 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Ladin	Rhaetic	9 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Friulian	Rhaetic	9 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
<i>Balkan</i>		
Dalmatian	Croatia	1 <sup>st</sup> B.C. to 19 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
Romanian	Romania	5 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Istroromanian	Istria	5 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +

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### *Greek Languages*

<i>Language</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Century</i>
<i>Classical</i>		
Attic-Ionic	Athens	8 <sup>th</sup> B.C. to 4 <sup>th</sup> B.C.
Doric	Sparta	8 <sup>th</sup> B.C. to 4 <sup>th</sup> B.C.
<i>Medieval</i>		
Byzantine Greek	Greece	5 <sup>th</sup> A.D. to 15 <sup>th</sup> A.D.

### *West Gurage*

Masqan	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +
Ezha	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +
Gura	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +
Gyeto	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +
Ennemor	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +
Endegen	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +

### *Paleo-Balkan Languages*

<i>Language</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Century</i>
<i>Phrygian - Armenian</i>		
Armenian	Armenia	7 <sup>th</sup> B.C. +
<i>Illyrian</i>		
Albanian	Albania	6 <sup>th</sup> B.C. +

### *Persian Languages*

<i>Language</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Century</i>
<i>Western</i>		
Kurdish	Kurdistan	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Baluchi	Persia	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Talysh	Persia	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Gillani	Persia	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Mazanderani	Persia	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Ormuri	Persia	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Farsi	Persia	9 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Dari	Persia	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Tadjik	Persia	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Luri	Persia	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Bachtiari	Persia	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Tati	Persia	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Kumzari	Persia	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +

### *Semitic Languages*

<i>Language</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Century</i>
Hebrew	Israel	12 <sup>th</sup> B.C. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> A.D.

### *Eastern*

Pashto	Afganistan	1 <sup>st</sup> B.C. +
Pamir	Pakistan	1 <sup>st</sup> B.C. +
Ossetic	Russia	5 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Yagnobi	Sogdian	9 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +

### *Arabian Languages*

<i>Language</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Century</i>
<i>South Eastern</i>		
Arabic	Arabia	4 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Maltese	Malta Isle	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
<i>South Eastern</i>		
Awr	Arabia	3rd A.D. +
Bathari	Arabia	3rd A.D. +
Harusi	Arabia	3rd A.D. +
Hobyot	Arabia	3rd A.D. +
Jibbali	Arabia	3rd A.D. +
Mehri	Arabia	3rd A.D. +
Soqotri	Arabia	3rd A.D. +

### *Baltic Languages*

<i>Language</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Century</i>
<i>Western</i>		
Old Prussian	Prussia	12 <sup>th</sup> A.D. to 17 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
Curonian	Russia	6 <sup>th</sup> A.D. to 17 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
Sudovian	Russia	8 <sup>th</sup> A.D. to 13 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
Galindan	Prussia	9 <sup>th</sup> A.D. to 14 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
<i>Eastern</i>		
Semigalian	Russia	10 <sup>th</sup> A.D. to 14 <sup>th</sup> A.D.

### *Ethiopian Languages*

<i>Language</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Century</i>
<i>North</i>		
Tagrinya	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +
Tigre	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +
<i>South Transverse Region</i>		
Argobba	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +
Harari	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +
<i>East Gurage</i>		
Selti	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +
Wolane	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +
Zway	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +
Ulbare	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +
Inneqor	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +
<i>South Outer Region</i>		
Soddo	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +
Goggot	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +
Muher	Ethiopia	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. +

### *Slavic Languages*

<i>Language</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Century</i>
<i>Western</i>		
Polabian	Germany	1 <sup>st</sup> A.D. to 12 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
Slovak	Slovak	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Czech	Czech	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Polish	Poland	9 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Upper Sorbian	Germany	6 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Lower Sorbian	Germany	6 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
<i>Southern</i>		
Old Slavic	Russia	6 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +

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Middle Bulgarian	Bulgaria	12 <sup>th</sup> A.D. to 14 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
Macedonian	Macedon	6 <sup>th</sup> B.C. +
Serbo-Croatian	Croatia	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Slovene	Slovenia	4 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
<i>Eastern</i>		
Old Russian	Russia	8 <sup>th</sup> A.D. to 13 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
Belorussian	Russia	8 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Ukrainian	Ukraine	12 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +

### *Reading & Writing*

Characters do not gain any native writing ability, but may acquire an ability to read & write a local script used in their area.

Although scripts can be written in different languages, mostly they are used with the language spoken in the region where the script is used.

<i>Script</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Century</i>
<i>European</i>		
Old Norse Runes	Europe	10 <sup>th</sup> A.D. to 12 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
Old English R.	England	10 <sup>th</sup> A.D. to 12 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
Latin Script	Europe	4 <sup>th</sup> B.C. +
Gaelic Script	Ireland	5 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Fracture Script	Germany	11 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Cyrillic	Byzantine	9 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Glagolitic	Slavic	9 <sup>th</sup> A.D. to 19 <sup>th</sup> A.D.
Grabar	Armenia	5 <sup>th</sup> B.C. +
<i>Islamic</i>		
Arabic	Arabia	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
Farsi	Persia	7 <sup>th</sup> A.D. +
<i>Ancient</i>		
Aramaic	Holy Land	9 <sup>th</sup> B.C. to 7 <sup>th</sup> A.D.