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- In other words, **Latin** may have been the elite language of the time, but **only a fraction of Europeans knew it**. So publishers turned to **vernacular texts** to continue making profit.
- **Printing** also played a role in creating national languages that became **privileged over** the thousands if not millions of **individual dialects**: English (as opposed to the **Yorkshire** or **Cockney** dialect), French (as opposed to the particularities of the language in Bretagne), etc.



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