

GEOGRAPHY OF RESOURCES

III-B.Sc GEOGRAPHY

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Topic : Roman periods

Content : Roman Periods- Solinus-Pamponiusmela and Dark age

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Solinus (AD 250)

Solinus gave a general geographical account of the world. However, he has been described as a plagiarist of Pliny and Pomponius. He wrote Collective Rerum Memorabilium, in which he tried to collect all the wonderful things and the geographical framework in which they were set.

Dark Age

- The period of decline of scientific knowledge and methodology is called the Dark Age. During the period of about 500 years, from AD 200 to AD 700 following Ptolemy's death, geography witnessed a decline in its development as it was the time of Roman ascendancy and the Romans contributed little to the scientific knowledge during this phase. During this period, religion had dominated the mind of people and they were not allowed to raise scientific questions by the church.
 - Concepts of the world which had been developed in Greek and Roman times were reshaped to conform to the teaching of the church. The Earth became a flat disc with Jerusalem at its centre.
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Pomponius Mela (AD 335-391)

Pomponius Mela was the last important geographer and historian of the time. He was the last among the ancients to recognise the value of geography in relation to history and defence.

He wrote De Chorographia and Cosmography in Latin. In his book, he divided the world into five macro regions and provided a detailed account of Northern temperate regions.

Roman Geographic Books

Books	Authors
Geographica	Strabo
The Almagest and The Outline of Geography	Ptolemy
De Chorographia and Cosmography	Pomponius Mela
Historia Naturalis	Pliny
Collective Rerum Memorabilium	Solinus