

Charlemagne and his wish to eulogise his ruler and repay his debt of friendship, and other which are not and can only be inferred. Einhard wrote in order to diminish the memory and reputation of the previous Merovingian dynasty, and also in order to legitimise the divine right of Charlemagne to rule instead of his brother. As Einhard's name does not appear on any of the early manuscripts, it is unlikely that Einhard was writing for his personal gain or recognition. In any case, it appears as though Einhard has achieved his goal. *Life of Charlemagne*, has become intrinsically linked with the legacy of Charlemagne as ruler, educator, reformer and conqueror.

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