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When looking for information on medieval literature, or history a website could be valuable in narrowing the search. When looking at the history during the medieval era many of the key figures were saints. When looking at http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/basis/goldenlegend/index.htm we have an example of a website that tries to simplify text from the middle ages in order to make it more useful. This critique of the website will be based upon the author's ability to make the information stimulating, the pages organization, and finally the pages usefulness.

When looking at this webpage the first thing that shoots out at the readers is the fact that this text is almost a century old, dating back to 1275. This is a direct translation of text, which has survived the test of time; therefore, the idea of the Author's credibility does not come into play. When looking at the text, it is in a version of old English. Reading it is moderately difficult at times. This website does not attempt to explain the text; it just simply lays it out for the reader. When looking at www.amazon.com for the book "The Golden Legend" the book comes up with all the texts having illustrations. This website has no illustrations. This makes the website less stimulating to the reader, and slightly detracts from its uses.

When looking at how the page is organized the first thing that can be noticed is the page is filled with hyperlinks. After navigating through the text, the links begin to take shape. The main page shows the different volumes of texts. If the link is blue, it is the first volume that saint was in. Many saints repeat in volumes, so by only supplying a link in the first time a text appears it adds to the organization.

This plays into how useful the text is. The first way this text could be used is as a general historical outlook into the saints of the time. The text is also useful in seeing the influence the "publishers" of the text at the time. When looking at the text one might notice some common similarities in the saints usually in death. The saints are known for their torture and appalling deaths.

These short texts about the saints are useful for a general knowledge about the saints. As an example, when looking at Saint Blase there is only a paragraph on his entire life. This website would not be useful for an entire paper, but it would be useful for a starting place. Another use is at the end of the volumes there is a glossary of terms. Also in selected chapters a correction to the history that has been proven through the test of time. This reading in a whole would be boring, and useless, but for someone looking for some inspiration in a paper this page would be a good starting place for just the basic facts. The page is not stimulating, and it is not intended to be. This webpage is nothing more then a library book simplified, which is not entirely a bad thing.