Exploring the Origins of Tables for Information Visualization

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Uruk III Tablet, (ca. 3200-3000 BCE) (MSVO 3, 51, Louvre Museum, Paris, France)
Cuneiform tablet, temple of Enlil at Nippur, (c. 1850 BCE)
(CBS 3323, University of Pennsylvania).
Leuvi olympias

Censuromiae agnate museorum homini.

Nervane post ejus mortem mulier.

Nitatur cceus dictatrix reliqui et magister.

Equit qui dictator obsecrus pluralis.

Dio

Primus iarqui magister equitum parum est.

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Jerome's Chronicon, (Merton MS 315, fol. 96r).

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Eusebian canon table for Matthew, Mark, and John.

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Calendar, November, English Psalter

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Computus Table, (MS. 17, fol. 30r, St. John's College, Oxford).

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Future Work

• Further explore tabular formats in ancient documents
• Expand notion of gridding and text
• Expand analysis of computistical table
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