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Early Modern Greeks using Humanistic Greek: causes, aims, realities.

Early Modern Greek scholars constituted a special subgroup of the humanistic Greek scholars, due to the fact that they considered humanistic Greek as an earlier form of their mother tongue. This fact determined in many cases the way the Greek scholars of Early Modern era used humanistic Greek (not just as an attempt of revival but also as an indication of their superior knowledge and wisdom among the Greek society of their times). There was a major conflict between the Greek scholars of early modern era, as to which language form was appropriate to use (Humanistic or Vulgar Greek) in poetry, prose and even in letter writing and oral communication. These realities drove them to cultivate some genres of poetry and especially prose in humanistic Greek that their European counterparts did not or used only rarely (for instance sermons in Humanistic Greek written by Greek scholars between 16th and 18th century).

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