

HIS 208Y
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Document analysis
500 words (2-3 double-spaced pages)
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The text to be analyzed is an account of the conversion to Christianity of a young Jewish girl named Rachel. Rachel's conversion took place in the early 1220s. After her baptism, she became known to history as Catherine of Louvain. This account is a conflation of the accounts written by two Catholic clergymen, the Cistercian monk Caesarius of Heisterbach (writing ca. 1225) and the Dominican friar Thomas of Cantimpre (writing ca. 1263).