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## [ Julius Caesar's Gaul ] *Gallia vetus ex C. Julii Caesaris commentariis descripta, ex conatibus...* 1649

**Stock#:** 102569  
**Map Maker:** Sanson  
**Date:** 1649  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Outline Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 15 x 19 inches  
**Price:** \$ 245.00



### Description:

Nicolas Sanson's *Gallia vetus ex C. Julii Caesaris commentariis descripta, ex conatibus...* from delineates the ancient lands of Gaul as described in the commentaries of Julius Caesar. Rendered by the father of French cartography, this map is a scholarly representation of a region fundamental to the understanding of Western Europe's ancient past.

Sanson's map captures the extensive territories once known as Gaul, encompassing modern-day France and parts of Belgium, western Germany, and northern Italy. It delineates the intricate tribal boundaries and the Roman provincial divisions established during the Gallic Wars (58-50 BCE). The geography reflects the understanding of the time based on Caesar's "Commentarii de Bello Gallico," a pivotal primary source for the period.

The map serves as a geographical narrative of the Roman conquest and subsequent transformation of Gaul. Sanson's depiction is not merely topographical but also a portrayal of the sociopolitical landscape of the time, indicating the locations of significant battles, tribal settlements, and the march of legions, thus providing an invaluable insight into the Roman military campaigns led by Caesar.

### Detailed Condition: