

Illuminated Letters



What are Illuminated Letters

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- It is the first letter of a word at the start of a paragraph
- All books were hand written by monks during the Middle Ages and they made them very ornate. (decorative)

Illuminated



- To “Illuminate” means to “fill with light.”
- Many of the pages written by these monks were decorated with gold leaf. This caused them to reflect and glow.

Examples of Illuminated Manuscripts



The Book of Kells

- It is an illuminated manuscript of the Gospel.
- The illustrations and ornamentation in The Book of Kells exceed anything else in the category.



Images from the Book of Kells



You should Google the Book of
Kells!

If you want to be a person of culture
and knowledge

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What if your Learning Goal?

- To understand what Illuminated manuscripts and letters are.
- To gain confidence in your drawing and design skills
- To further your skills in painting and achieving value.

Your Assignment

- To create an illuminated letter that reflects the style of your choice.
- It should have detail, repetition and a sense of pattern.
- It looks hard but it's NOT!!!



Student Examples



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- Start with a 2" border
- Make sure you have a decorative letter
- You can use tracing paper for designs you have already drawn
- PLEASE HAVE **FUN**!!!!