

Painting I Virtual Learning Illuminated Letter Part I

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9-12th/Painting I

Objective/Learning Target:

Students will study the history of illuminated manuscripts and lettering. Students will create their own letter design and embellishments surrounding a letter. Students will paint or just draw the letter and designs if they have materials around.

Bell Ringer: Find art materials that you may have around your house. Here is a link for possible ideas if you do not have painting items at home.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qZSVXmoyqwZSUOEJS J3ZYew9vbC2SEN9Fd6rJTmyaws/edit#slide=id.g7277dfb8ca 0 0 **Inspiration:** We will look at examples of illuminated letters from the Middle Ages.

Materials: Any paint that you prefer, Paper, Brushes if you have these available. This can easily be done with a pen or pencil.

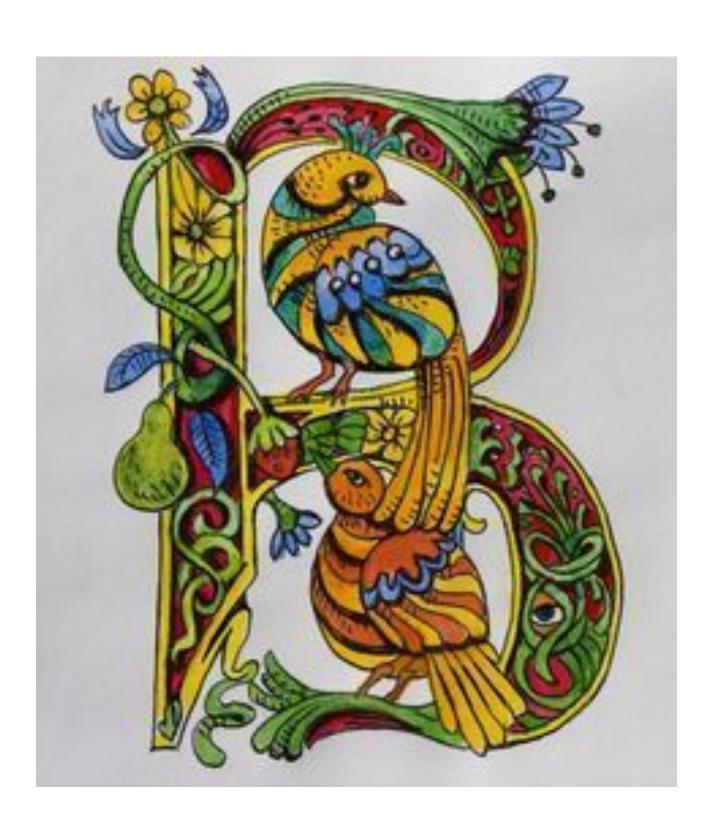
Background: During the Middle Ages, the ability to read was rare and books were even more so. Documents in Europe and the Middle East were copied by scribes one stroke at a time. The practice of illumination — decoration of a page with ornate lettering, icons and designs was developed to guide viewers through a document and increase their comprehension. Luminous color and precious metals emphasized ornamental text and illustrative scenes.

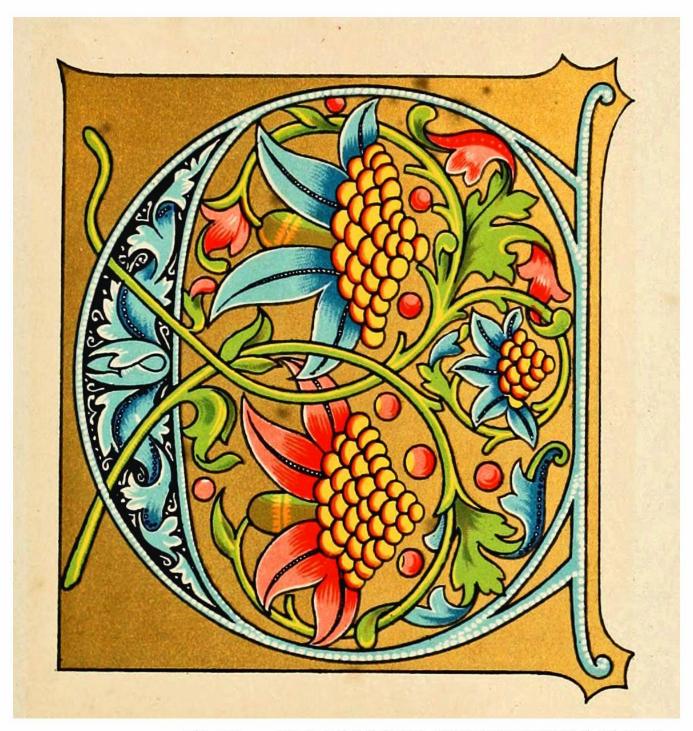
Procedure:

- 1. Decide on a Letter that you would like to illuminate. Examples are on the next slides.
- 2. Next you will focus on creating the font you would like to use. Look in a book, magazine or online for inspiration.
- 3. Now plan the "Illumination" of the letter and border with patterns and designs. Design the illumination so that it interacts with the letter as a ribbon or vine would, by winding the pattern around the letter. Medieval scribes would often find inspiration in nature and repeat patterns and themes throughout a design. You may use historic designs for reference or create something original that is beautiful or significant to you.
- 4. We will finish the lesson tomorrow after you have time to brainstorm, practice and develop a composition.

Here are some examples and tutorials to get you motivated.







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