

Illuminated Letters



Pictures and lesson idea found: at <http://www.princetonol.com/groups/iad/lessons/high/ken-illumination.htm> Ken Schwabb

Materials:

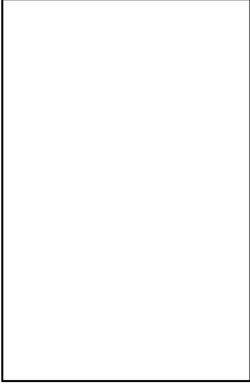
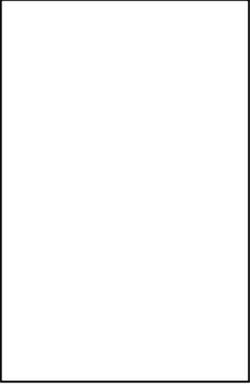
Typography examples for
lettering

Border examples
Picture examples/ Design
books for miniatures

9" x 12" Sketch paper
Ruler

Part 1: Sketching and Brain Storming

1. Complete the "All About You" handout. Show to Mrs. Winters and she will give you your sketch paper.
2. Draw your 1.5" border on your 9"x 12" sketch paper

	
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3. Decide if you want to illustrate the 1st letter of your first or last name.

4. Practice sketching out the design of your illuminated letter and border (does not matter which you start with). Use the ideas in the binders, typography example sheets, drawing books, and design books for ideas and inspiration.

- When illuminating your **LETTER**:
 - You must make sure your letter style is inspired by Medieval Illuminated Letters
 - You may include miniature illustrations that tell the viewer something about you. For examples food you like, hobbies, favorite colors, etc. Try to use most of the space inside the border of your paper.
- When illuminating your **BORDER**:
 - You must use **repeating patterns**.
 - These patterns can be inspired by medieval manuscript patterns or can include miniatures that illustrate a personal connection to you (for example... pets, sports, plants/flowers, food, people, etc) or can be a combination of both.

5. Show your sketch to Mrs. Winters and she will give you your final 9"x12" paper.

Part 2: Final Illuminated Letter

Materials

9"x12" Drawing paper
Ruler

Practice Sketch
Markers

Colored pencils.
Sharpie Marker

Steps:

1. Draw 1.5" border
2. Transfer your design onto your 9"x12" drawing paper
3. Add details, details, and more details onto your Illuminated Letter. Make sure you look at the examples available to help inspire your drawing miniatures and border designs.
4. Outline what you have drawn with Sharpie marker and erase pencil marks
5. Add color using markers, and/or colored pencils. You may choose the media you are most comfortable with.
6. Fill out your reflection sheet, attach, and turn your project in to the class folder.