

Illuminated Manuscript

A manuscript is a book. "Manuscript" means written by hand. An illuminated manuscript is a handwritten manuscript that reflects light, more specifically, "the light of God." This term most often is used when referring to medieval manuscripts of this time, although through history there were other examples of illuminated manuscripts.



In this project, you are going to illustrate a verse from the Bible in the style of an Illuminated Manuscript. It may help you to go online and research some Illuminated Manuscripts to get a sense of how they look. One feature your project MUST have is an "embellished dropped initial." A dropped initial refers to the first letter of a paragraph that is in a larger type than the text. In illuminated manuscripts, that dropped initial is also embellished (made fancy.)



A twist to your illuminated manuscript is that you will represent part of the verse in imagery. Look at the sample below. The Bible verse is "In the Beginning, God Created the Heaven and the Earth, and He saw that it was good." Notice that the words "the Heaven and the Earth" are not represented by text, but by the image.

In your project you must:

- Choose a verse from the Bible
- Create an illustration the represents *part* of the verse
- Create an embellished dropped initial for the first letter of the first word of the verse
- Include the reference to book, chapter, and verse of the Bible
- Design a visually interesting "field" for the text

NOTE: The words you leave out and illustrate can not be the first words or last words of the verse. Your illustration of words must be "inside" your quote.

