

Lesson Title: Illuminated Letters
Unit: Medieval Times
Grade Level: 6th
Estimated time requirement: 1 class period to introduce and begin working. Students complete outside of class.
Summary (25-50 words): Student will learn about the history of illuminated letters. After viewing a power point presentation on illuminations, students will make their own illuminated letter.
Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the use of illumination during the Middle Ages. Create an illuminated letter keeping with the time period.
Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills: Art: 6: 2C,3A,3B Social Studies 6: 18A, 18D
Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Illuminated letters will be graded on neatness, creativity and authenticity to the time period.
Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Power point presentation ½ Sheet of White Construction Paper Markers, map colors, crayons or paint Gold marker, pen or paint
Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miliken, Linda. <u>Medieval Times Activity Book</u>: Edupress, 1995. Parker, Muriel. <u>Illuminated Letter Designs</u>: Stemmer House Publishers, Inc., 1986.
Prior Knowledge/Skills:
Procedures: Students will view a power point presentation concerning illuminated letters. Students will create an illuminated letter by tracing their initial on the white construction paper. Fill in the initial with drawings such as leaves, vines, geometric symbols, flourishes, etc. Paint or color the design. The initials are illuminated by adding gold or silver details to the letter.
Modifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a student had limited fine motor skills, a computer could be used to make their letter.
Technology Infusion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Power point presentation Digital Camera for pictures of the activity Digital pictures used in power point at the end of the unit.
Cultural Connections: Students will learn about the art of illuminated letters and their importance in society.
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