

# Medieval Life Mini-Series

# SCRIBES

Try the activity below, designed to accompany watching the short video about medieval scribes and manuscripts in the Glencairn collection!

## LOOK AT THE DETAILS

Let's take a close look at a medieval manuscript in the Glencairn collection! Click [here to view it](#). Take a few minutes to zoom in as far as you can and look over the whole page carefully. What do you notice about the colors, texture, patterns, lines, shapes, and other details. Write down some of your thoughts or share them with someone.

## RECOGNIZE AND CONNECT

Now that you've noticed the details, see if there is anything in the manuscript that you recognize or is familiar to you. Can you name anything you see? What do you notice about how the scribe has organized the page? Record some of your thoughts or share them with someone!

## MAKE MEANING

What do you think the scribe who made this page might have wanted people to think when they looked at it? Why do you think they made this manuscript this way? Can we tell anything about the scribe's life, ideas, or what was important to them? Read the included information about this manuscript if you haven't yet. How does that help you understand this piece of art? Record your ideas or share them with someone.

## EXPLORE YOUR IDEAS

Now that you've explored the ideas of a medieval scribe, let's explore the ideas you have today! What are some things that are important to you? Are there people, places, or things in your life that inspire you? What are some things about you that you think people should know?

## PLAN YOUR PAGE

Let's connect your ideas together and create a plan of a manuscript page. Manuscripts often have some writing, a picture, and decorations around the edges. Using a blank sheet of paper and a pencil, sketch out your manuscript page. How can you include some of your ideas from earlier that tell about important things in your life?

## ADD THE DETAILS

Now that your ideas have been planned out, it's time to add the details! Think about colors, shapes, and patterns you want to use. What materials will you use - colored pencils, markers, maybe even gold or silver pens? Work on your manuscript page until you're happy with it!

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Once you've finished your manuscript page, start the whole process over and invite someone else to use your artwork as the manuscript page to look closely at!

