

# Paleography Project

## **Purpose:**

- To gain an appreciation and understanding of Medieval manuscripts, what they possess, and the skill required to make them.
- To enjoy the beauty and the artistry of poetry.

**Due Date:** May 20

## **Requirements:**

1. Rule your own paper.
2. The piece must consist of 8-10 lines of Latin poetry from a work we have read this semester.
3. Begin the poem with one decorated capital letter.
4. Incorporate some other appropriate decoration on the page.
5. Create your own colophon.
6. Keep each line of poetry in the same script.

**Resources:** Study the following manuscripts at the Harry Ransom Center for inspiration.

- Horace - <https://norman.hrc.utexas.edu/pubMnEM/details.cfm?id=35> •
- Catullus - <https://norman.hrc.utexas.edu/pubMnEM/details.cfm?id=32>.

## **Grading Rubric**

- Lines (5)
  - Quantity met
  - Well-ruled/neat
- Script (5)
  - Appropriate style for period
  - Consistent script
- Manuscript decorations (10)
  - Initial letter highlighted
  - Additional decor
  - Appropriate to text
  - Appropriate to period
  - Beautifully created
- Colophon (10)
  - Author name
  - Poem title
  - Printmaker's emblem
  - Year of print
- Presentation (5)
  - Student's oral description of manuscript.
  - Discussion of poem

Total points: 35