

ACTIVITY 1.1**DESIGN A VERSAL**

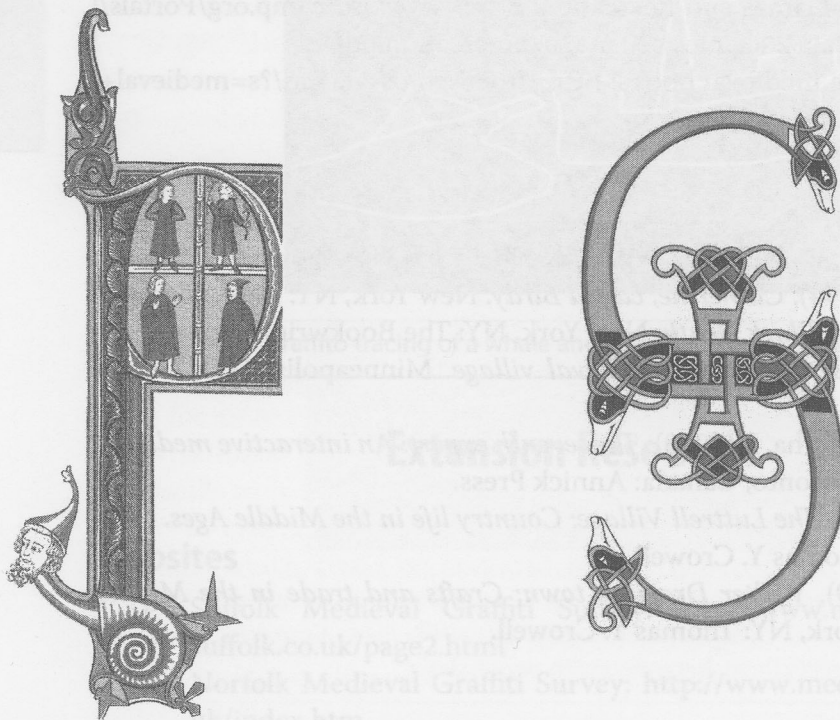
Throughout the Middle Ages, scribes wrote enlarged decorative capitals at the beginning of paragraphs or verses. From the late 11th century, these enlarged capitals were called *versals*. In this activity you will design a large capital letter—a versal—for your name. See the letters at the bottom of the handout for an example.

Materials

- » Calligraphy pen, fountain pen, or fine felt-tip pen.
- » Graph paper or plain white paper (graph paper makes it easier to draw your versal with the same proportions each time).

Directions

- » Doodle around with ideas for your versal based on the examples at the end of the handout or design your own. One idea is to design your versal so that it reflects something about your personality.
- » Don't forget to write the rest of your name after the versal!



Versal examples.