Journal 6: Manuscript Project

Due: Thursday, 3/2

Points: Viewing/Reading Journal (Double Credit)

Assignment: In a group of up to four people, create your own (short) manuscript. You might choose to reproduce part of a particular ancient or medieval manuscript, or you might choose to create your own modern version. Use the information we covered in Slideshow #1 to help you decide on the content and features of your manuscript. Also, and most importantly, use this opportunity to be creative. We will spend a bit of time each class period over the next two weeks working on these manuscripts. At the end of that time, groups will present their manuscripts in class. In your group’s presentation, you should discuss your work by using terms we learned from Slideshow #1.

Features to consider:
- Choices for type of manuscript: codex, scroll, or clay tablet
- Illumination decisions: size and relation to text on the page, borders, historiated initials, miniatures, color
- Script decisions: Medieval hand, modern hand, print, size, formal vs. informal

Grading
I won’t:
- grade you on how well you draw
- grade your penmanship
- grade your pronunciation of ancient or medieval words

I will:
- be looking for creative responses
- want a significant portion of the manuscript to be hand-made (keep printed-out sections to a minimum)
- want at least three sheets of paper used and filled (unless you create a clay tablet, of course)
- be looking for full group participation
- want to hear you using our manuscript terminology in your presentations
- clear discussion of the choices your group made in creating your manuscript