

**Creating an Illuminated Poem**

Pretend you are a scholar who has just traveled across medieval Europe. You want to create an illuminated manuscript of a poem describing the structure of the Roman Catholic Church and its influence on daily life in medieval Europe.

Use *History Alive! The Medieval World and Beyond*, Reading Notes 3, and any assignments you completed at the stations to complete the poem. Your illuminated manuscript must meet these requirements:

- The poem must have nine short stanzas. Stanzas may vary in length; some may be only one line, while others may be longer.
- The first letter of the poem's stanzas must spell out the words *THE CHURCH*. Therefore, the first word of Stanza 1 must begin with the letter *T*, the first word of Stanza 2 with the letter *H*, and so on.
- The first letter of your poem, a *T*, must be illuminated. This means you will decorate the letter with designs, pictures, or symbols that represent medieval society.
- The poem must include at least four pictures. These can be placed in the margins, in the background, or within the poem itself. The pictures should relate to your poem and help illustrate your ideas.
- The poem must contain nine words or phrases from the Word Bank.
- The poem must use correct spelling and grammar.

Prepare a rough draft of your poem, and have your teacher review it. Type or write your final draft neatly in ink.

**Word Bank**

cathedral	diocese	Emperor Henry IV	excommunication	holy days
monasticism	parish	pilgrimages	Pope Gregory VII	religious orders
sacraments	salvation	Thomas Aquinas	universities	