

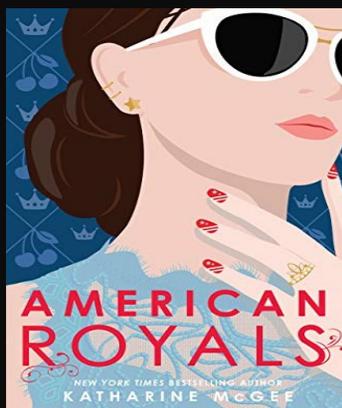
## WRITE ON

(A Weekly Writing Activity)

Goals don't always have to be something as big and grand as winning an Olympic Gold Medal or writing a novel. Some goals represent a tiny step you can take each day for your health, your home, your relationships or yourself. What are some of your goals?

Write a poem inspired by one of these goals (either big or small). Illuminate the page when you are done.

### This week's FEATURED TITLE



*New York Times* Bestseller

When America won the Revolutionary War, its people offered General George Washington a crown. Two and a half centuries later, the House of Washington still sits on the throne. Like most royal families, the Washingtons have an heir and a spare. A future monarch and a backup battery. Each child knows exactly what is expected of them. But these aren't just any royals. They're American.

As Princess Beatrice gets closer to becoming America's first queen regnant, the duty she has embraced her entire life suddenly feels stifling. Nobody cares about the spare except when she's breaking the rules, so Princess Samantha doesn't care much about anything, either . . . except the one boy who is distinctly off-limits to her. And then there's Samantha's twin, Prince Jefferson. If he'd been born a generation earlier, he would have stood first in line for the throne, but the new laws of succession make him third. Most of America adores their devastatingly handsome prince . . . but two very different girls are vying to capture *his* heart.

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# ILLUMINATED PAGES and 3D HAND ART



# TEEN SUMMER READING 2020

## MATERIALS:

Paper or cardstock  
Marker

## What you will need:

Pencil  
Ruler

A favorite quote, poem, or passage from a book.

## ILLUMINATED PAGE INSTRUCTIONS :

Prior to the invention of the printing press, only skilled craftsmen produced books. Calligraphers printed the words and artists decorated the manuscripts. The word "illuminated" comes from the Latin "illuminare" where it means, "adorn." The technique of illumination sought to release the "light" (truth) of a text. The light shone through the text to reveal inner qualities. **This illumination activity can utilize any writing that is meaningful to you.**

There are 3 basic ways of illuminating. With *miniatures*, small pictures are incorporated into the text or occupy the whole page or border. *Initial letters* are elaborately decorated pen filigree, which is rather like fancy doodles. And *borders* may have miniatures, but more often use decorative motifs, such as birds.

1. Make a **rough sketch** on practice paper.
2. After you are happy with the design, **redraw** on your cardstock. Copy your quote or passage leaving enough room for your illumination.

*Note:* Printing and/or calligraphy is done first; illustration is done second. Typically, this is done in pencil, finished in ink, & colored last.

Follow the steps below to illuminate your page.



Draw a box for the first letter of your quote / paragraph.



Draw a large letter in calligraphic style.



Decorate (illuminate) and color.

Tutorial on Calligraphy Letters: <https://www.lettering-daily.com/calligraphy-tutorials/>

## EXAMPLES:



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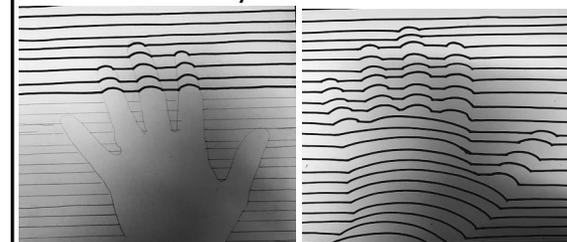


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## 3D HAND ON PAPER INSTRUCTIONS



1. Place your hand on a blank sheet of white paper and trace its outline in pencil.
2. Using a ruler, draw evenly spaced straight lines across the page. Do not draw inside your handprint. 
3. Using a marker, trace the straight lines and draw curved lines inside your handprint, connecting to the straight lines on either side. Add color if you wish.



**NEXT WEEK:  
DIY SQUISHIES**

