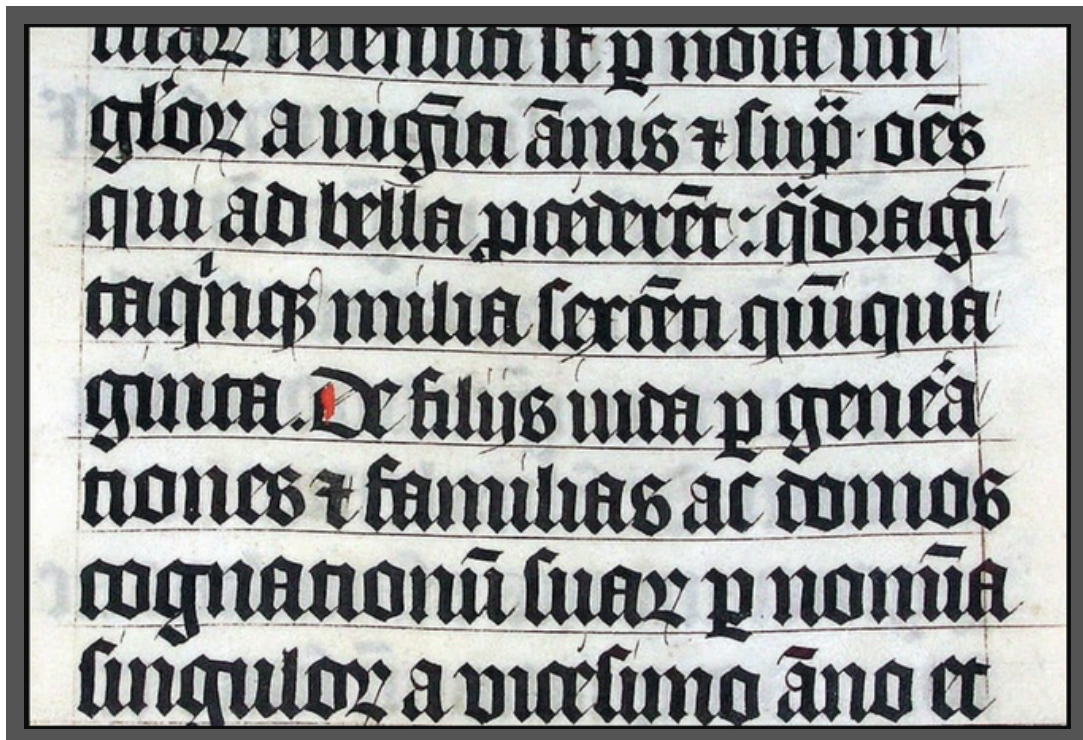


SCRIBAL O

A long time ago, before computers and printers, people called scribes had to write every word by hand. They used a fancy kind of handwriting called Blackletter. It looked really cool, but it could be a little tricky to read!

Some letters—like u, v, m, and n—looked very similar when written in Blackletter. They all had lots of little bumps and lines. So, when a word had too many of those letters in a row, it was hard to tell what was written!

To make reading easier, the scribes sometimes changed the u to an o in certain words. For example, the word “love” used to be spelled “luve”, but scribes started writing it “love” so readers wouldn’t get confused. So, the Scribal O isn’t about changing how a word sounds—it’s about how it **looked** on the page a long time ago.



Can you see how the m, n, and u look kind of the same in the fancy writing? It’s hard to tell which letter is which! The scribes thought, “Hmm... maybe we can make this easier to read.” So, instead of using the letter u in some words, they changed them to an o - even though it still **sounded** like a “u.” **That’s called the Scribal O!**

The background of the entire image is a parchment scroll with a rough, torn edge, resting on a dark wooden surface. In the top left corner, a lit candle sits in a small metal holder. In the top right corner, a rolled-up scroll with a metal clasp is visible. In the bottom right corner, a quill pen lies next to an inkwell. There are several black ink splatters on the parchment, particularly around the quill and inkwell.

Scribal O

Aligns with UFLI Foundations
Lesson 62



uarum rerum ut per nomina sui
 glorie a iugum animis et super omnes
 qui ad bella pertrahunt: quadragi-
 taque milia sexcenta quinquaginta.
 De filiis iuda per genera
 nomines et familias ac domos
 cognationum suarum per nomina
 singulorum a uersumque anno et
 nomina mutis signis matris
 quoniam in quibus angulos
 quoniam iugum multis banno
 animis quoniam familias anime
 indulgentias nomina animi
 angorem mutis signis mutis
 consuetudine animi mutis
 animis nomen per animis offit:

cume

luwe

sume

nune



Come

love

some

none