Life of a Monk in the Middle Ages

 

**Lesson Hook**: Show images of Book of Kells or any image from Google Images “illuminated manuscript” …while playing Gregorian Chant in the background.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5ubvYqOh1M&list=RDeC6OKIYXBxQ>

**Daily life:**

<http://www.lordsandladies.org/daily-life-monk-middle-ages.htm>

**Short Primary source about rules of the Benedictine Monks:**

<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/monastery.htm>

After reading this resource, have students write a letter as if they are a monk writing home describing various aspects of their life in the monastery. They should type this letter and try having them use the first letter of each paragraph as an illuminated Manuscript . They can find these letters in Google Images under “illuminated letters”.

20 minute Terry Jones Video on monks and Church life

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dz5Ucf9-dYE>