


# Themed Letters

**Objective:** Create a theme-based letter of the alphabet.

Grade Level		Medium	Making Connections	Elements & Principles	National Standards
K-2	3-5		Language Arts	Space	VA:Cn10.1
MS	HS		Illuminated Letters	Unity	VA:Re8.1



## Materials

- Drawing Paper
- Colored Pencils
- Paint
- Any other drawing or painting media your students would like to try.

## Introductory Activities

- Use Instagram to engage students by checking out the [#kolboalphabetchallenge](https://www.instagram.com/kolboalphabetchallenge).
- Discuss positive and negative space.
- Look at and discuss different types of lettering including illuminated letters, graffiti, and calligraphy.

### 1 Select Letter and Brainstorm

To begin this project students must first select a letter. The best way to do this is by drawing letters at random to ensure no repetition. Once students have selected their letter, they can begin making a list of words that start with that letter. From here students will choose a word to represent their letter.

### 2 Draw Letter

In this step students will begin drawing their letter from the word they selected in the brainstorming process. Encourage students to approach this process in different ways. Some students may want to create the letter by using negative space, while other may want to draw imagery to represent the letter using positive space.

### 3 Add Color

To complete this lesson, allow students to add color and details to their letter. This is a great opportunity to incorporate more choice by letting students select the materials they feel best represent their artwork.



#### Insider Tips

- Display all the letters together in sequential order for others to view a newly constructed alphabet.
- Metallic colored pencils or markers are a great way to add a bit of embellishment.