

Anatomy of a Manuscript Page: Answer Key for Instructors

What makes this a deluxe book object?

- *written in **bookhand**, meaning a scribe took more time to make it look this way; **ruling** on the parchment, prepared to make sure it's a good looking book; **illustrations and illumination**, gives this book a luxurious appearance and also adds these images as the objects of veneration, ie, the focus of prayers.*

What is the deal with the image? What do we notice?

- *Christ, dead and naked in Mary's arms, is in this image but goes entirely unmentioned.*
- *"To the image of". There is a veneration for the image of Mary, and the power of an image to focus feelings or draw them out in the present. This idea links to the text of the prayer; the lesson plan picks up here, translating the prayer, and then connecting Marian devotion to affective piety.*