



Saint Vincent College's Scriptorium

The First Annual High School Conference on Literature
Friday, November 14, 2025 - Latrobe, PA

A Scriptorium was the room in a medieval monastery in which monks would transcribe scripture into beautifully illuminated manuscripts. Come to Saint Vincent College campus & share your writing with fellow literature lovers at the oldest & largest monastery in the United States!

Call for Papers

The Saint Vincent College English Department encourages high school students to submit papers of literary analysis to be considered for oral presentation at the first Scriptorium conference at Saint Vincent College. Papers may focus on poetry, dramatic literature, novels, YA Literature, short stories, film & song lyrics. Students whose papers are selected will be invited to present their work at our campus.

Here are some approaches that your papers may take:

- Analyses of the evolution of themes across time & genres.
- Comparisons of literary works.
- Studies of characters & narrative techniques.
- Examinations of intersections of literature & other media (e.g., film, art, music).
- Statements of personal or cultural connections to literary works.
- Explications of poetry or song lyrics.

Submission Guidelines:

- Purpose: All submissions must be analytic essays (no creative work, please).
- Length: Essays: 800-1200 words or 5-7 minutes in length.
- Eligibility: Open to high school sophomores, juniors & seniors
- Submit to: Dennis D. McDaniel: dmcdaniel@stvincent.edu.

Deadline for Submissions: September 26, 2025.