

V <=> U

From antiquity until late Middle Ages, letters 'V' and 'U' used to be regarded as one letter. Some texts used only one form; others - both. In most cases these letters were used interchangeably and the actual choice was influenced both by the place of the letter in the word (the pointed form 'v' was written at the beginning of a word, while a rounded form 'u' was used in the middle or end, regardless of sound) and aesthetic reasons.



The history of U and V: <http://medievalwriting.50megs.com/scripts/letters/historyuv.htm>

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