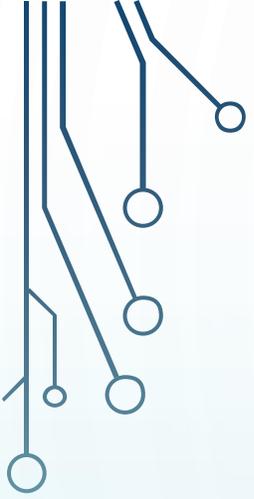


# LESSON 4

**LO: To understand the hieroglyphics can tell us about life in Ancient Egypt.**

Success Criteria:

- I can explain what an archaeologist does.
- I can explain what hieroglyphics are.
- I can use the Ancient Egyptian alphabet to write my own name.

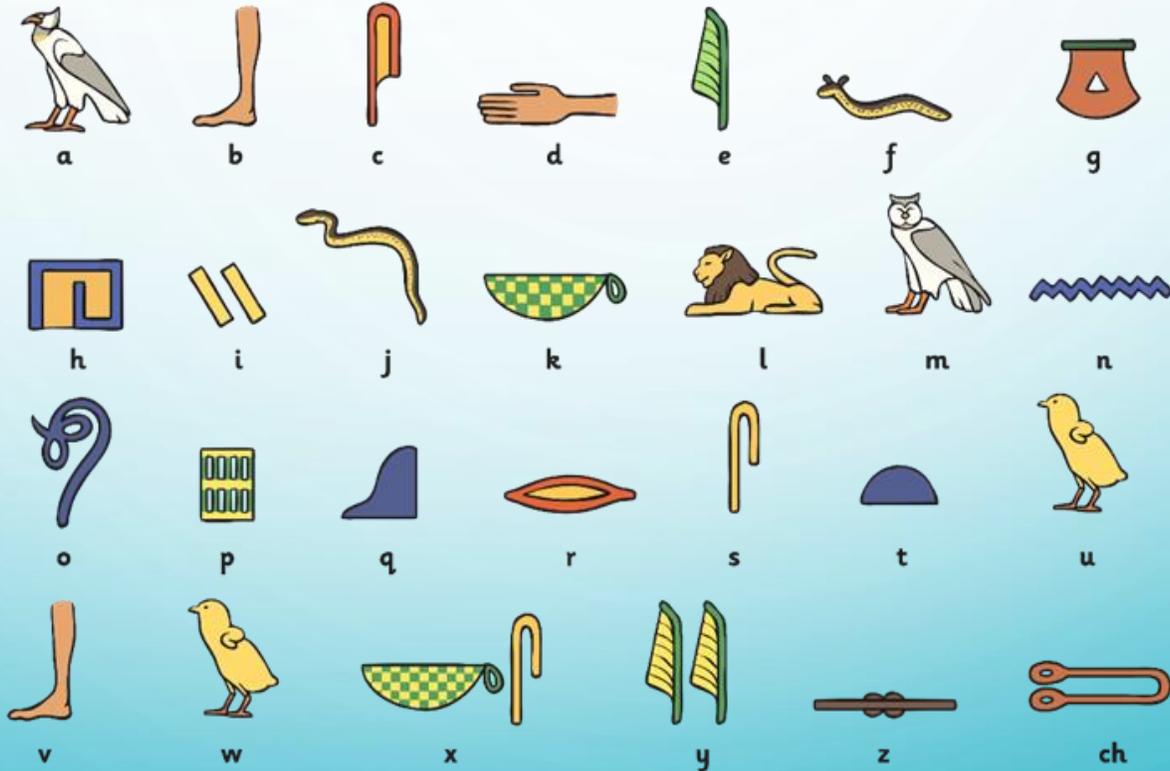


## Vocabulary:

- papyrus
  - hieroglyphics
  - hieroglyphs
  - language
  - translate
  - Rosetta
  - Greek
  - Egyptian
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# Hieroglyphs

Look at the picture below. Do you know what is this ?

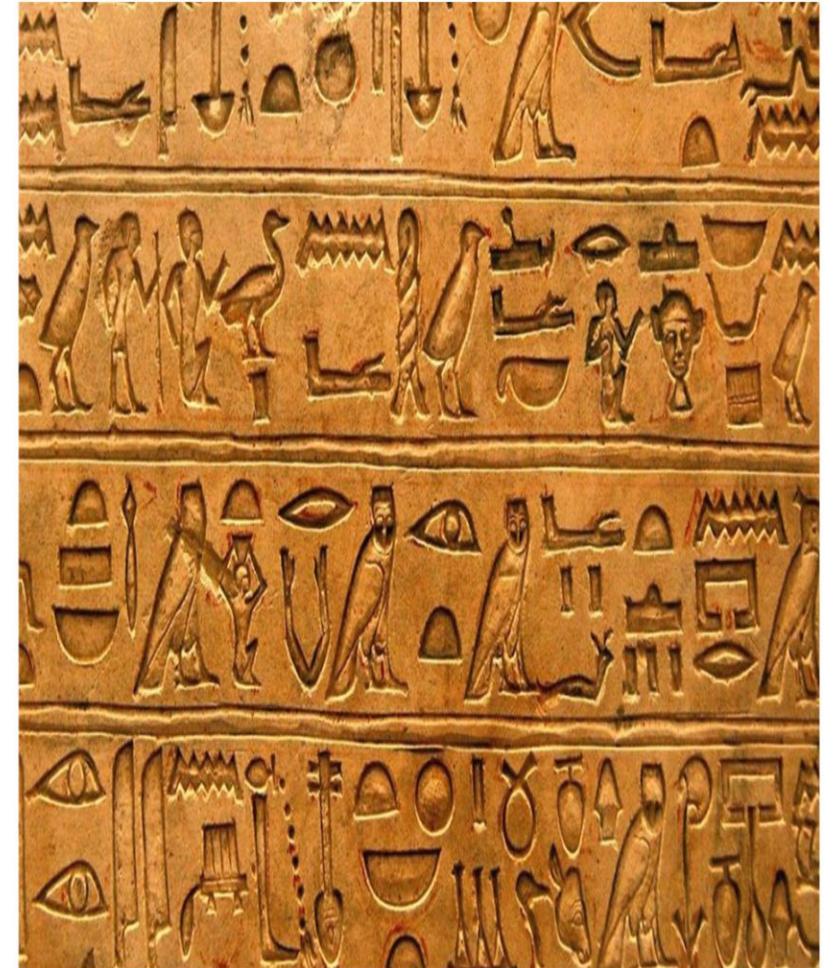


This is hieroglyphs.

Hieroglyphs are an ancient Egyptian way of writing that uses pictures instead of letters.

# Hieroglyphs

Ancient Egyptians used a writing system called Hieroglyphics. The system of hieroglyphics uses over 700 symbols and pictures to represent sounds. The writing can be read from top to bottom or across the page from right to left, or from left to right. The direction the characters (often birds) are facing gives the reader a clue as to which direction they should read. If a bird is facing to the left, the writing must be read from the left. The word Hieroglyph comes from two Greek words; hieros meaning holy and glyphe meaning writing. The word 'hieroglyph' is a noun and refers to the individual characters whereas the word 'hieroglyphics' is an adjective which describes the alphabet. We now know many things about how the Ancient Egyptians lived; translating hieroglyphics has been crucial in the development of our understanding.

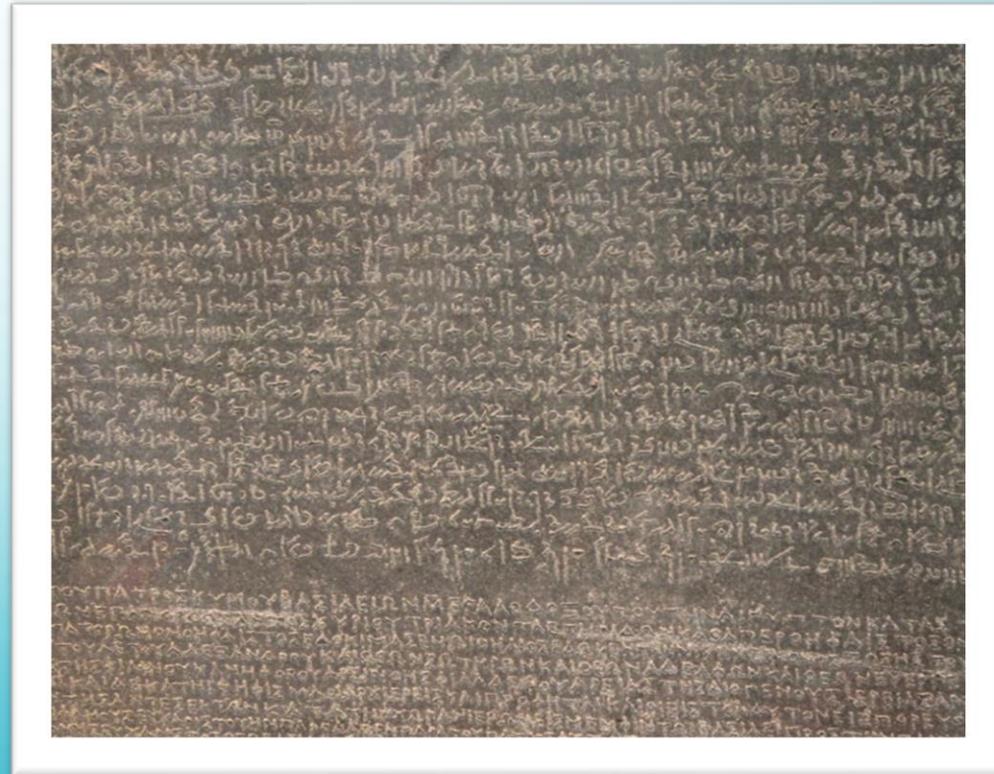
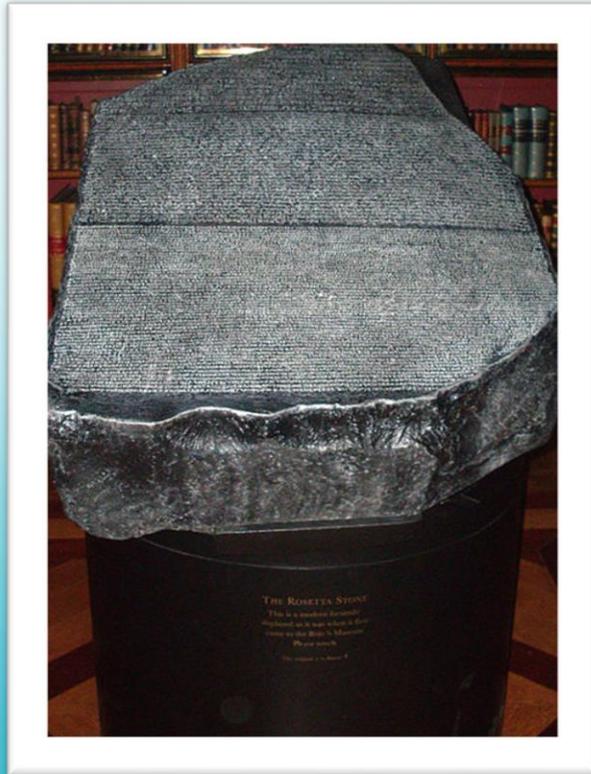


# Hieroglyphs

## The Rosetta Stone

The Rosetta Stone is famous because it contains hieroglyphic script that specialists were able to decode (make sense of).

It was found in 1799 and took twenty years to translate.

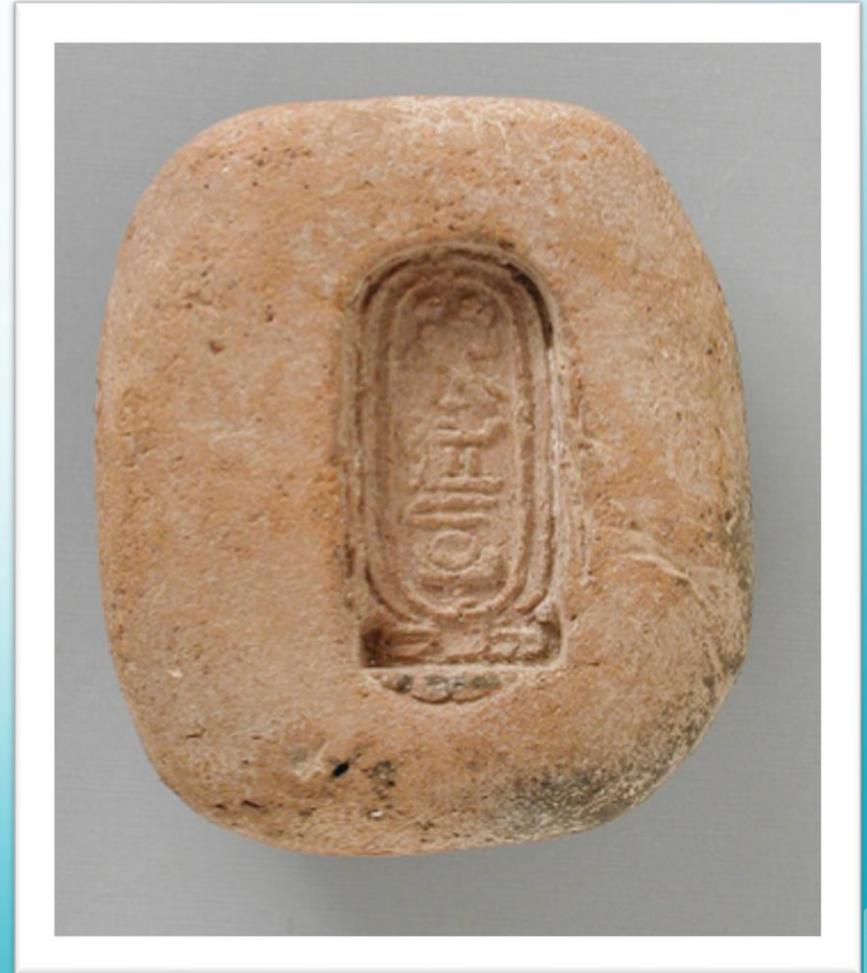


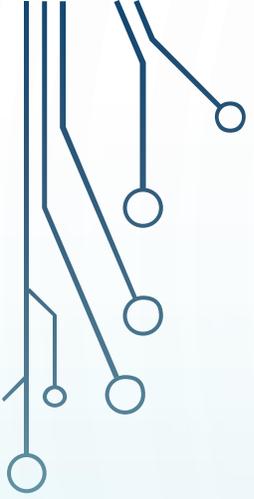
## Hieroglyphs Cartouches

The word 'hieroglyph' means sacred (or special) carving. There are over 700 hieroglyphs.

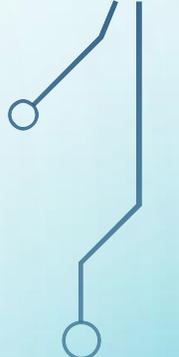
They can be written from the top to the bottom of the page, or across the page just as we write.

The Egyptians wrote the names of their kings or queens inside an oval shape called a **cartouche**, to show that they were special.





**Task:**

1. Use the Ancient Egyptian alphabet prompt sheet and write your first, middle and last name.
  2. Read the hieroglyphic information sheet and complete one of the activity sheets.
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