

## Museums Worcestershire Make-athon Challenges

### Ancient Egypt: Hieroglyphs

Learn more about the history of Ancient Egypt and write your own name in hieroglyphs!



In Ancient Egypt they used a system of writing using pictures instead of words called hieroglyphs. One of the shabtis in our collection includes hieroglyphs.

#### Discover

1. The word Hieroglyph comes from two Greek words **Hieros** meaning Holy and **Glyphe** meaning writing, so the word means Holy Writing or Sacred Carving
2. There were over 700 signs in the Hieroglyphics writing system, some were pictorial or symbolic and represent whole words, some were phonetic, which means they stood for sounds. There were no vowels and no punctuation! Imagine how long it would take to do your homework using hieroglyphs!
3. In Ancient Egypt, hieroglyphs were written by priests and scribes who went through special training as they are not easy to learn. Hieroglyphs could be written vertically, horizontally, left to right, or right to left!
4. We learnt more about hieroglyphs and what they mean after the discovery of the Rosetta Stone which was found in 1799 by French Soldiers who were rebuilding a fort near the town of Rosetta (Rashid). The Stone was carved in 196BC.
5. The Rosetta Stone has been in the British Museum in London since 1802.

## Explore


Visit the British Museum website to find out more about The Rosetta Stone

<https://blog.britishmuseum.org/everything-you-ever-wanted-to-know-about-the-rosetta-stone/>

## Create

Use the chart to spell out your name using Hieroglyphs and illustrate it.

Let us know if it was easy to write in hieroglyphics – you can tag us in your photos on Facebook, Twitter (@worcestermuseum) or Instagram (@museumsworcestershire).

	A	vulture		M	owl
	B	leg		N	water
	D	hand		P	stool
	F	viper		Q	hill
	G	stand		R	mouth
	H	rope		S	cloth
	I	reed		T	loaf
	J	serpent		W	chick
	K	basket		Y	reeds
	L	lion		Z	bolt

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