



#FontanaTogether

## Egyptian Hieroglyphs

The ancient Egyptians created a form of picture-writing known as hieroglyphs around 3100 BCE. Each picture was a symbol representing something they observed in their surroundings. It was called the language of Gods. It could be written in any direction and there were no symbols for “the”, “a”, or “and”. Hieroglyph were used at first by a small group of scribes to keep records. Later, they were carved and then painted on the walls of tombs and temples, on obelisks, and on sculpture. They were also written with pen and colored ink on sheets of papyrus.



### Materials:

- Paper
- Hieroglyphs Alphabet (see below)
- Pencil
- Markers, color pencils, or crayons

### Instructions

1. Read about ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs
2. Use paper, pencil, markers, and the hieroglyphic alphabet to create your own hieroglyphic message.



## Modifications

- Make your own hieroglyphs (draw animals, things, or objects).
- Use different symbols for your alphabet ex @=A
- Write a story in hieroglyphs
- Make a game out of it. Write a message and have somebody decoded the message

