

Ancient Egypt & Language

Hieroglyph - writing system used by ancient Egyptians.

Rosetta Stone - Discovered in 1799 by French Expeditionary army and technical experts that found a slab of inscriptions. The inscriptions were in 3 languages. Able to decode Egyptian Hieroglyphs with Ancient Greek language. (way to translate into English).

Video on YouTube - Basic Overview of Egyptian Hieroglyphs.

1st Hieroglyphics used in buildings and tombs. (Estimation that this began in 3000 BCE).

Not all symbols are letter-word sounds as some images = an entire word.

Images don't have relation to the 'Sound' (ie: snake = J, but  = Water)

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ideograms

Writers did not always use one or the other (phonogram = sound, ideogram = image)

So, no standard language or direction of print. (You know how to read it based on the direction the photographs/ideograms point)

Only the wealthy were taught how to read and write (scribes)

Cartouche = a name tag (usually seen on tombs) You know it is a cartouche when it is surrounded by an oval → 