



Hieroglyphics on charms at Cliffe Castle Museum

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## You inspire me to ...

### *Write in Hieroglyphs*

Hieroglyphs were how people used to write in Ancient Egypt as long as 5,000 years ago! They were used on the walls of temples on everyday objects and also sometimes painted onto the bandages of mummies.

They were often written on a special paper called papyrus which is made from plants. They written and coloured using 6 main colours : Red, green, blue, yellow, black and white.

You can write your name in Hieroglyphics.

### What do I need?

- Any smooth writing surface; - wood, stone, card, paper, a pebble .
- Coloured paints / crayons / pastels or Sharpies\*.

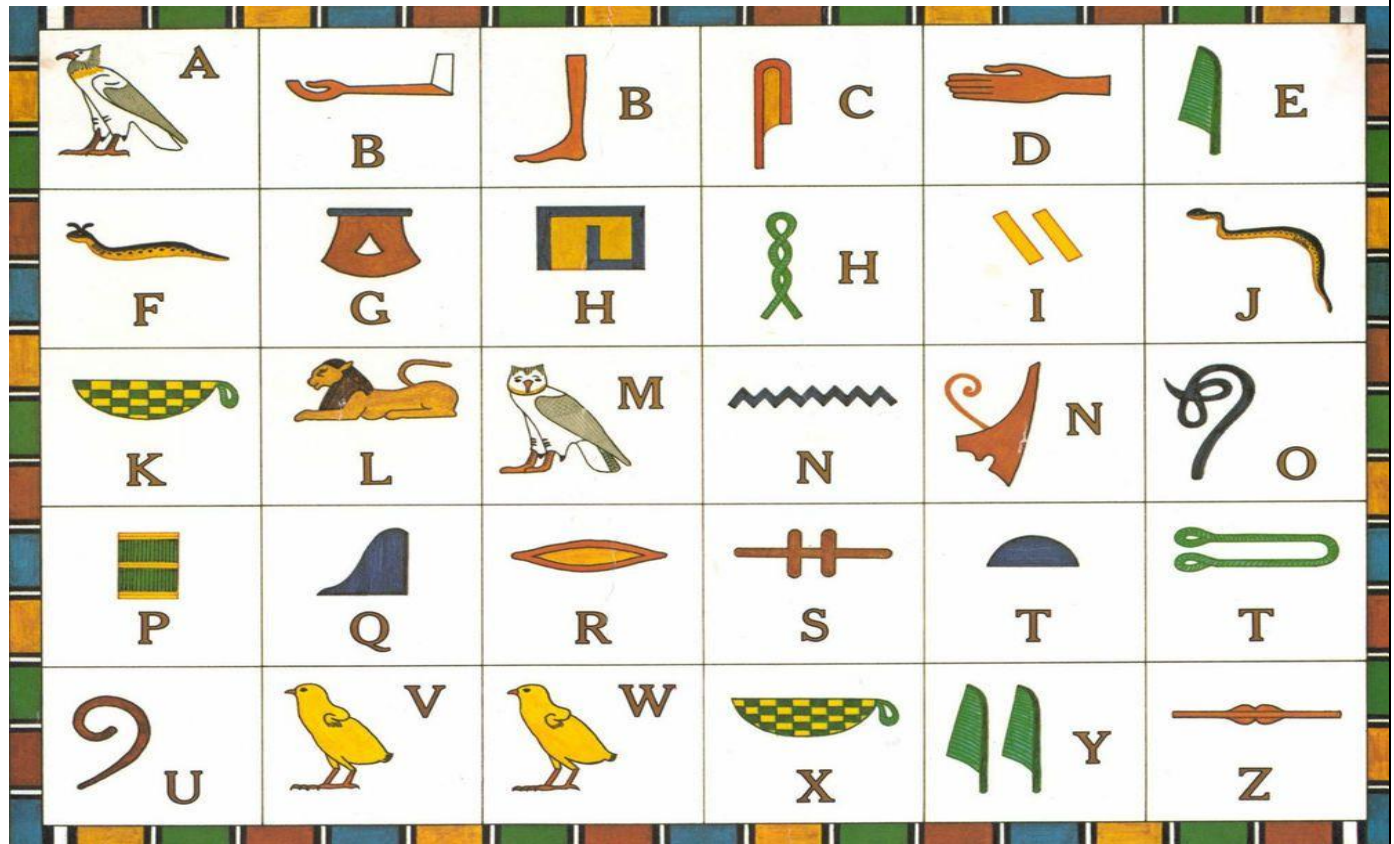
### What am I doing?

- Choose your writing surface and have a look at the hieroglyph alphabet card (next page).
- Take whatever you have chosen to write and find the first letter of your name and copy it carefully.
- Now copy the rest of the letters from your name. If you have some colours you can colour them in using the 6 hieroglyphic colours.



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## Hieroglyph Alphabet Card



### Hints and Tips

- You may notice some of the letters are the same and some letters have more than one hieroglyph!
- Hieroglyphs were sometimes written in rows and sometimes in columns. Why don't you try writing in a column (top to bottom). You could make yourself a bookmark !
- You can write in Hieroglyphics to send secret messages to your friends or family.
- Experiment with mixing the 6 main colours that the Egyptians used. Which of the 6 colours are primary colours? How many secondary colours can you create?
- You could also create your own hieroglyphic alphabet using pictures that you design yourself!

*\*Sharpies are a permanent marker pen and care should be taken when used with younger artists*

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