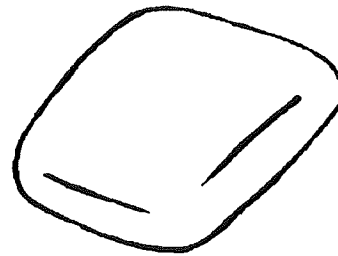


HANDS-ON! The Invention of Writing

WRITE ON CLAY IN AN ANCIENT SCRIPT

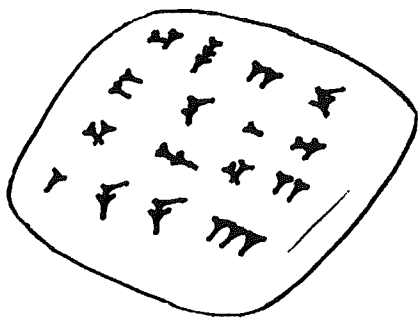
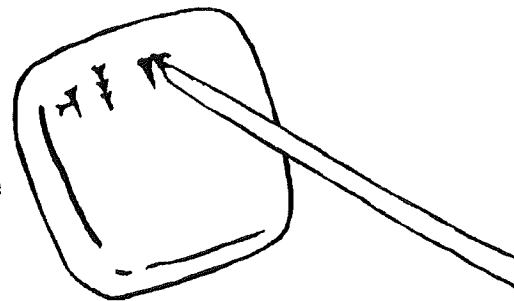
A Cuneiform "Alphabet"

A	▶▶	N	▶▶▶
B	▶▶▶	O	▶▶▶▶
C	▶▶▶▶	P	▶▶▶▶▶
D	▶▶▶▶▶	Q	▶▶▶▶▶▶
E	▶▶▶▶▶▶	R	▶▶▶▶▶▶▶
F	▶▶▶▶▶▶▶	S	▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶
G	▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶	T	▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶
H	▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶	U	▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶
I	▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶	V	▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶
J	▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶	W	▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶
K	▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶	X	▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶
L	▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶	Y	▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶
M	▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶	Z	▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶



1. Take enough clay to fit in the palm of your hand and form it into a flat square about an inch thick.

2. Use the chart on this page to find the cuneiform versions of the letters you want to write. Hold the clay in one hand and take a reed or pencil in the other, pressing into the clay to make wedge-shaped marks.



3. Let the clay dry overnight. Pass your tablet to a friend and see if they can decode your message!

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