

Ancient Egypt

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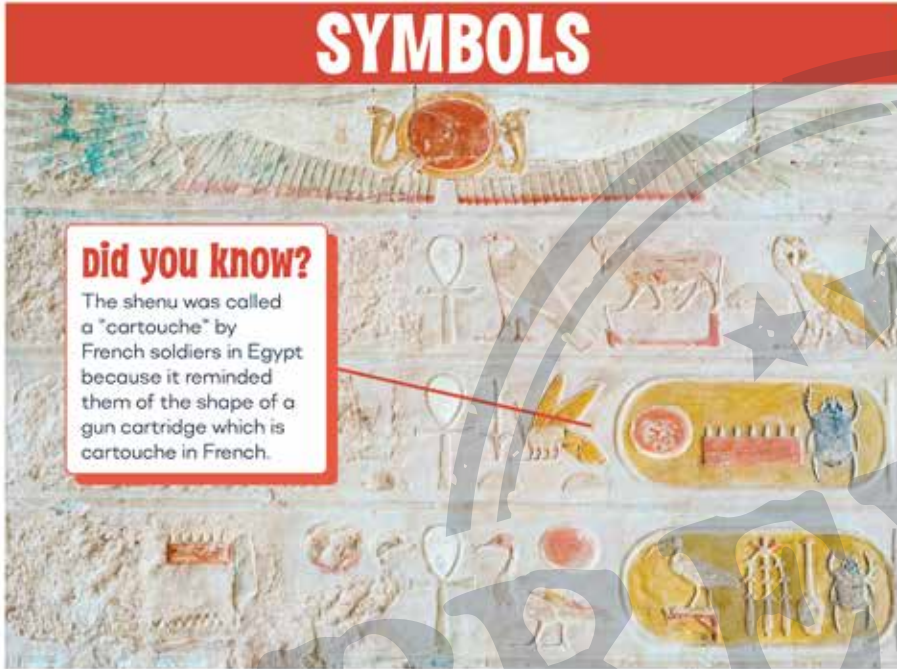


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# SYMBOLS

## Did you know?

The shenu was called a "cartouche" by French soldiers in Egypt because it reminded them of the shape of a gun cartridge which is cartouche in French.



Ancient Egyptians believed symbols did more than give information. Symbols were an important part of the Ancient Egyptian religion. Icons that represented different gods and goddesses of Ancient Egypt also represented different religious values. For example, the feather of the goddess Ma'at represented truth and justice.

Most Ancient Egyptians could not read hieroglyphic writing, but they did know the meaning of the most common symbols. This was important because the Ancient Egyptian religion was a daily part of people's daily lives. Symbols were carved into religious buildings and monuments and used in rituals for both the living and the dead. When Egyptians brought offerings to a temple, they were surrounded by familiar symbols.

Ancient Egyptians believed some symbols had power. These symbols were sometimes carved into amulets to give the person who wore them magic powers. The scarab symbol carved onto an amulet was meant to protect the wearer against the dangers of this world and the afterlife. The amulet was either worn like a necklace or carried around (for the living) or placed inside the linens that were wrapped around a mummified body (for the dead).

# SYMBOLS

**WAS SCEPTER**  
Symbol of magic

**SHENU (CARTOUCHE)**  
Symbol of eternity and protection  
(Could be written vertically or horizontally)

**EYE OF HORUS**  
Symbol of healing and protection

**FEATHER OF MA'AT**  
Symbol of truth and justice

**ANKH**  
Symbol of life

**SCARAB**  
Symbol of creation and life

# DRAW THE SYMBOL

Draw the symbols in the spaces below:

The Eye of Horus

Feather of Ma'at

Was Scepter

Scarab

Ankh

Shenu

# SYMBOL DETECTIVE

Symbols are still used today to send a message without words. Look around you. What symbols do you see? What do they mean?

Draw the symbol

Draw the symbol

Meaning of symbol:

Meaning of symbol:

Draw the symbol










Draw the symbol

Meaning of symbol:

Meaning of symbol:

## SYMBOL INTERPRETER

Symbols are still used today to send a message without words. Do you know what these symbols mean? Write the meaning for each symbol in the box below.

		
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## SYMBOL SEARCH

What symbol is the human form of Horus holding in the engraving at the top of the obelisk?

Find and circle these symbols on the obelisk. What do they mean?



Which symbol represents eternity and also encircles the name of a pharaoh?

How many pharaoh names are written on this part of the obelisk?

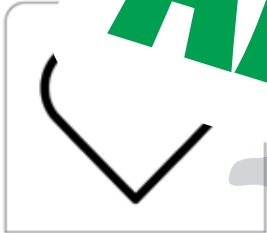
**BONUS:** Can you find any hieroglyphs that represent sounds? See if you can find and list two glyphs and the sound they represent.



An obelisk with Hieroglyphic carvings at Karnak Temple in Egypt.

# SYMBOL INTERPRETATION

Symbols are still used today to send a message without words. What do these symbols mean? Write the meaning for each symbol in the box below.



Heart



WiFi



Bluetooth



Plus / Addition



Toilets

# SYMBOL SEARCH

What symbol is the human form of Horus holding in the engraving at the top of the obelisk?

*A Was Scepter*

Find and circle these symbols on the obelisk. What do they mean?

*ankh - Symbol of life*

*was scepter of Ma'at - Symbol of truth and justice*

*Scarab - Symbol of creation and life*

Which symbol represents eternity and also the name of a pharaoh?

*ankh symbols are written*

*in different*

*directions. Find the symbols that represent eternity and list them.*

two symbols



An obelisk with Hieroglyphic carvings at Komak Temple in Egypt.

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