

Ancient Egyptians

Learning Objective:

To be able to make a replica of an ancient Egyptian cartouche.

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Do you know what
a cartouche is?

Think, pair, share your ideas.

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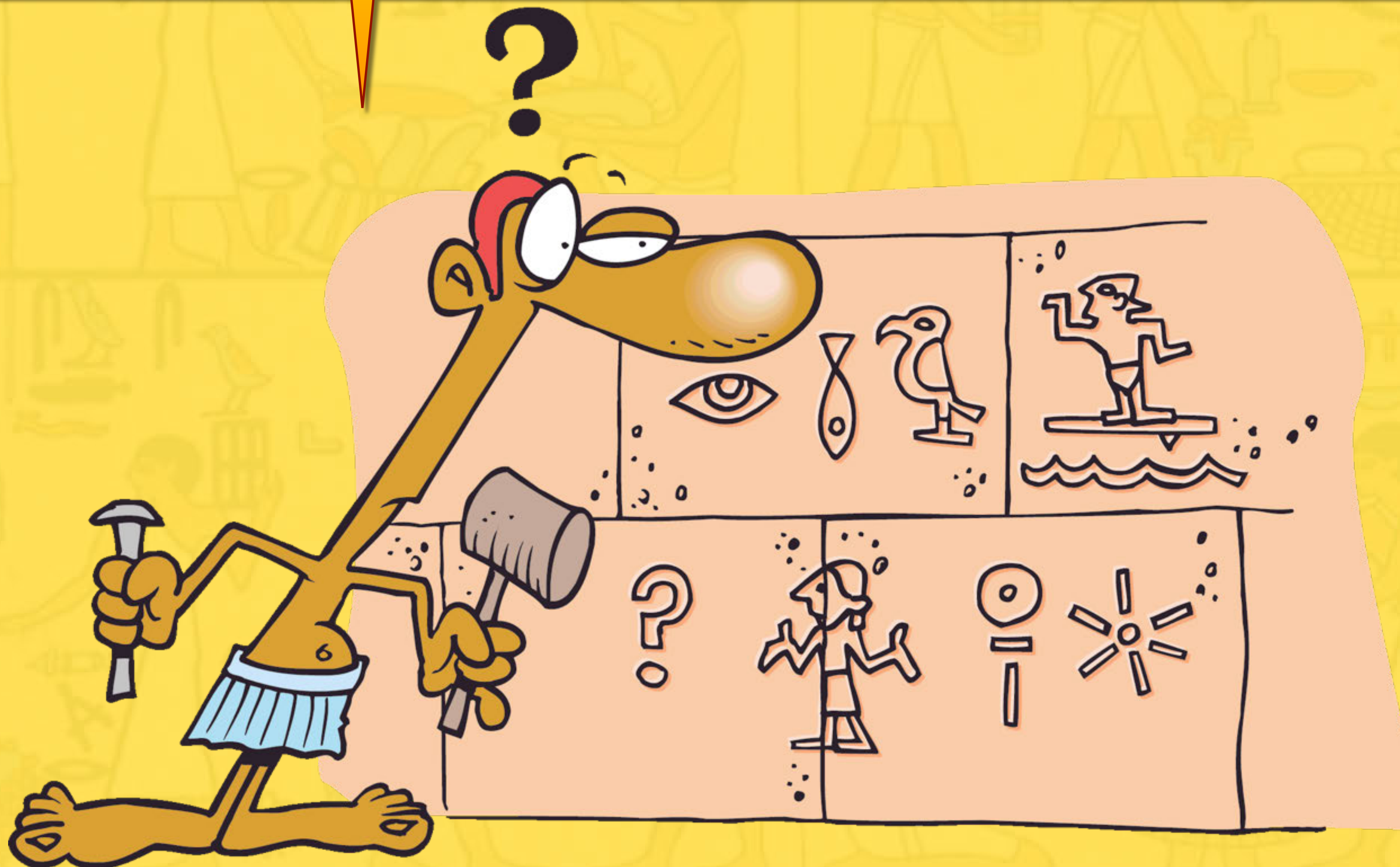
A cartouche is a nameplate that was used by the ancient Egyptians (usually pharaohs or very rich people). A cartouche had the person's name written in hieroglyphics and was usually placed on a sarcophagus. The ancient Egyptians believed that it was important to have your name written down and recorded otherwise you might disappear in death and not find the underworld. The oval shape of the cartouche was important because it represented eternity – no beginning and no end.



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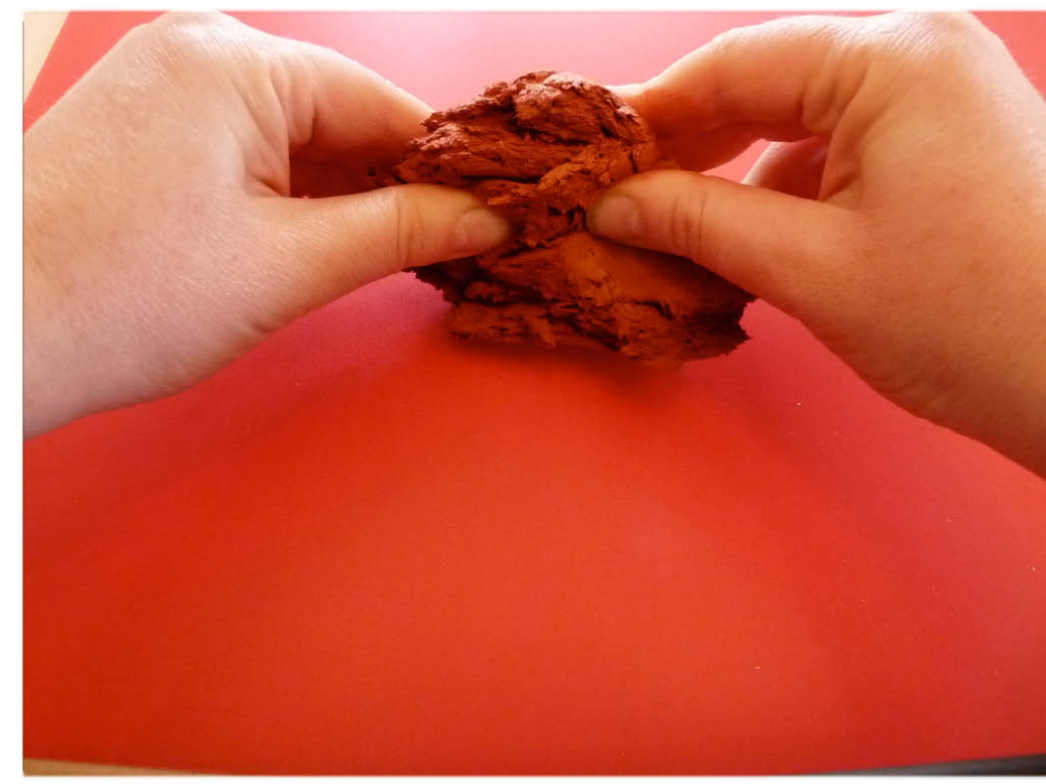
Today you will be making your own cartouches. In order to do this you will need to translate your name into hieroglyphics...



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How to make a cartouche



Take a piece of modelling clay and knead it on a clean surface to make it easier to work with.



Use a rolling pin to flatten out the clay so that it is around half a centimetre thick.



Place a template onto the flattened clay and score around it.

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Gently cut around the shape and pull the excess clay away.



Keep going until you have cut around the whole shape.



Take the extra clay and roll into a sausage shape that will be long enough to go around the whole cartouche.

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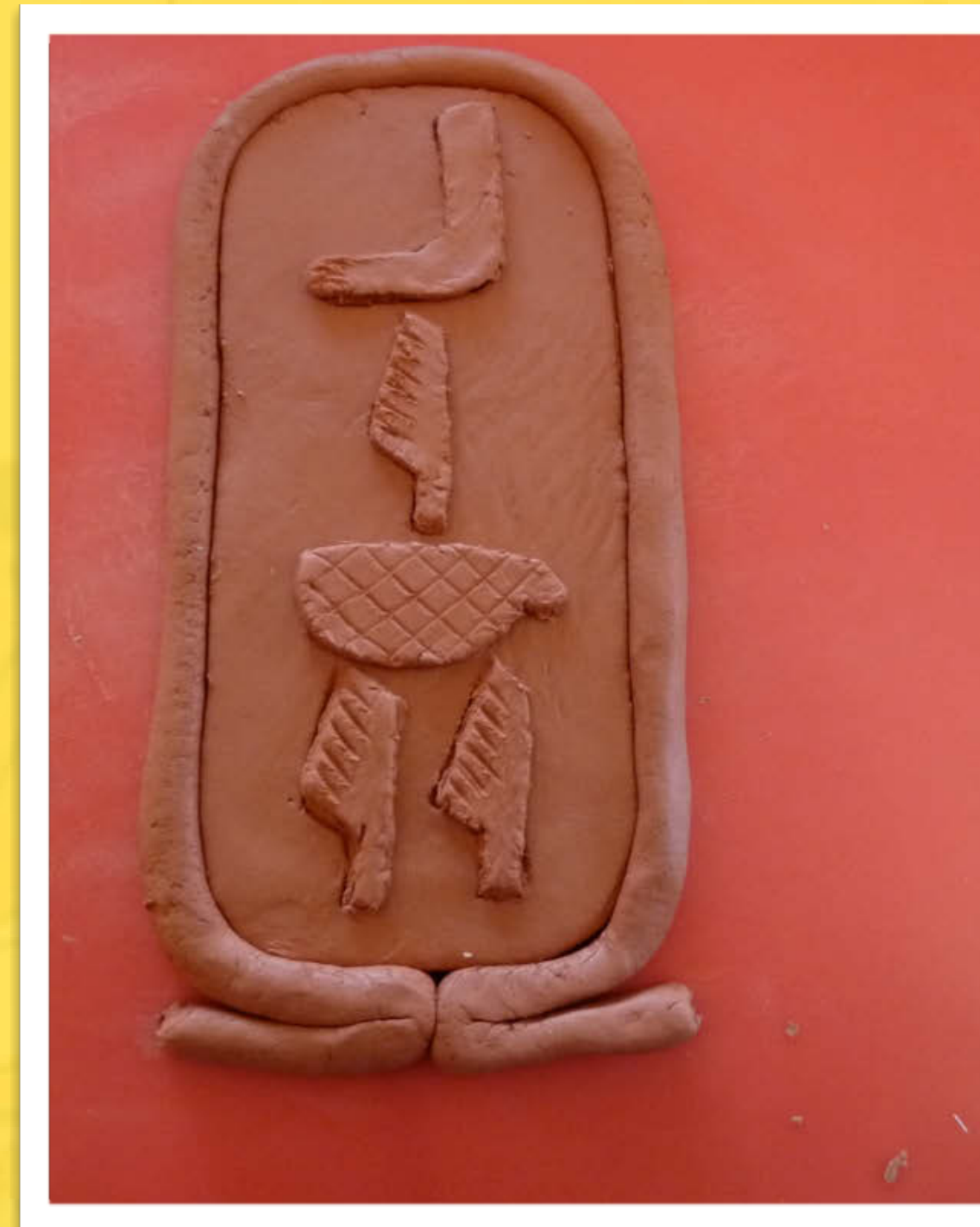
Wrap the sausage of clay around the cartouche and make the ends meet in the middle of the base. Make sure the sausage is attached firmly to the main part of the cartouche.

Cut off the extra 'tails' of the clay to equal the width of the cartouche.

Use clay tools or a cocktail stick to gently mark the hieroglyphics of your name.

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When you have sketched the hieroglyphics, make the shapes more defined and add details.

If you are feeling more adventurous you can cut out the hieroglyphics using rolled-out clay and place them on the cartouche.

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Leave the cartouche to dry completely and then paint.



What colours do you think you will choose for your cartouche and why?

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