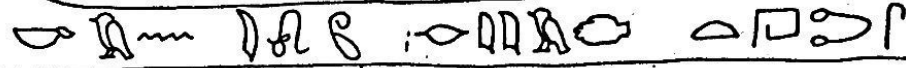
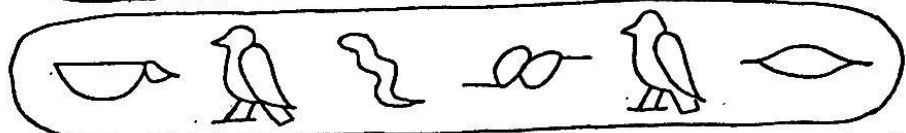
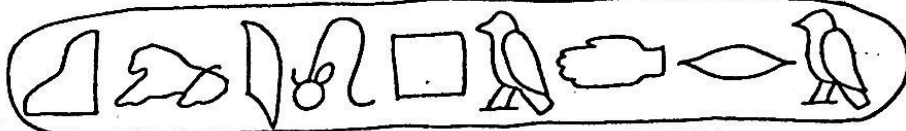
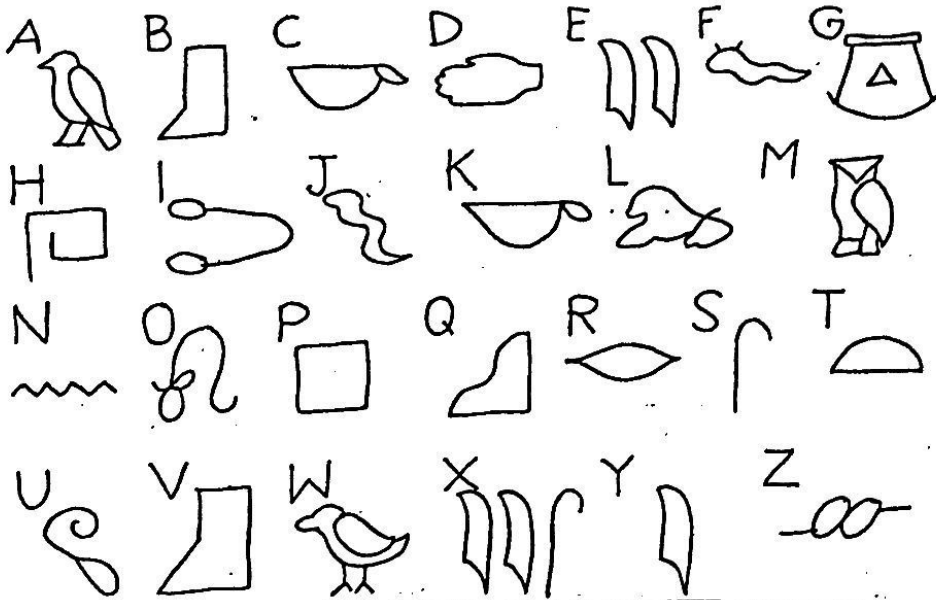


"Hieroglyphics"



YOU CAN WRITE HIEROGLYPHIC MESSAGES

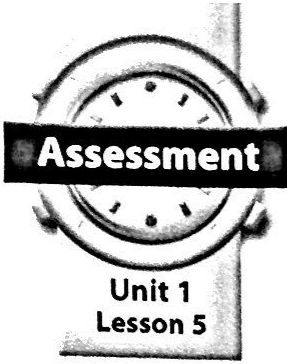
Ancient Egyptians wrote with pictures called "hieroglyphs". These pictures stood for words and sounds.

The hieroglyphs above represent sounds that most nearly match letters of our alphabet. Since the symbols represent sounds, one symbol may be used for several different letter.

Hieroglyphs used in writing a name were put in ovals. These names in ovals were called "cartouches". The cartouches shown here were actually used on Egyptian temples.

1. Write the letters from the first cartouch-_____
2. Sound out the letters from the first cartouche. This is the cartouche for what famous Egyptian queen?_____
3. Write out the letters from the second cartouche-_____
4. The second cartouche is a name often used as a title by Roman emperors. In later years the name was used as the title of rulers in Germany and Russia. In Germany the name was kaiser. In Russia it was czar. What was the Roman name?_____
5. What does the message below the cartouche say?_____
6. On the following line write your own name using hieroglyphs. Draw an oval around the character-_____

Now you have your own cartouche. Write a hieroglyphic message and sign it with your cartouche. Your message must have 3 sentences.



Name _____ Date _____

Reading Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Water played a vital role in Egyptians' lives. People settled as close as they could to fresh water, which they needed for drinking, bathing, irrigating fields, and other uses. The Nile River, the most important body of water in the region, affected the development of Egyptian civilization.

The Nile flooded every year between July and October. The floods fertilized fields along the riverbanks. Farmers stored some of the floodwater in basins to irrigate their fields during the dry months. Managing water was so important that the pharaoh appointed officials to oversee irrigation.

1. Which phrase *best* describes the Nile River floods?
 - (A) a benefit to ancient Egyptian farmers
 - (B) a tragedy for ancient Egyptian farmers
 - (C) an unimportant part of the river's cycle
 - (D) an event that occurred rarely
2. Irrigation was important along the Nile because _____.
 - (A) it controlled floods
 - (B) it made room for settlements
 - (C) it provided water to drier areas
 - (D) it made sailing easier

Read the passage above. Then answer the question below.

3. If the Nile had dried up around the time of the first pharaoh, what do you think would have been most likely to happen to Egyptian civilization?
