

World History

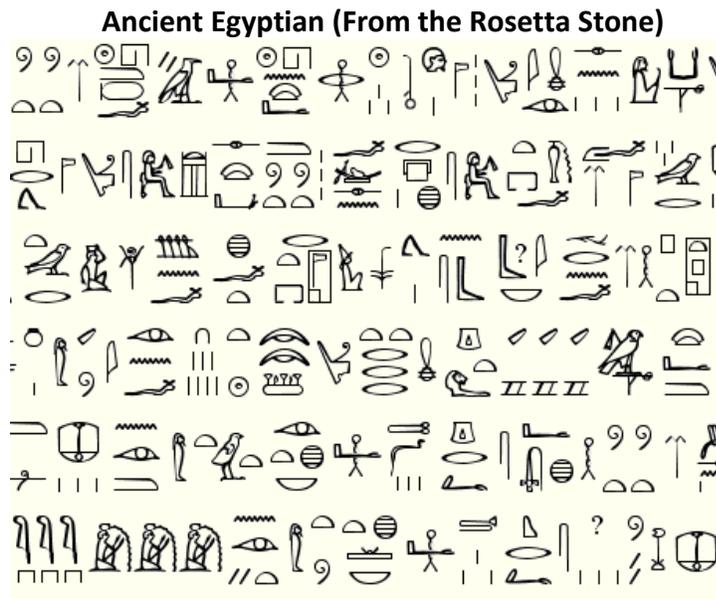
Egyptian Pictograph vs. Phoenician Alphabet

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Directions: Looking at the two forms of writing below compare them and answer the questions below.



Phoenician Alphabet

⋈	'aleph [ʾ]	⸆	lamedh [l]
⸀	beth [b]	⸇	mem [m]
⸁	gimmel [g]	⸈	nun [n]
⸂	daleth [d]	⸉	samekh [s]
⸃	he [h]	⸐	'ayin [ʿ]
⸄	waw [w]	⸑	pe [p]
⸅	zayin [z]	⸒	tsade [ṣ]
⸆	heth [ḥ]	⸓	qoph [q]
⸇	teth [ṭ]	⸔	reš [r]
⸈	yodh [y]	⸕	šin [š]
⸉	kaph [k]	⸖	taw [t]

Thought Questions: Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

- Looking at the two forms of writing which one do you think would be easier to read? Explain why you think so?

- Which language do you think would have been easier to learn? How would this be an advantage for that society to have a language that was easier for the people to be able to read and write? (explain and give an example of a possible advantage)

- For the language that is more difficult explain why scribes (people trained to read and write) would be so valuable.