

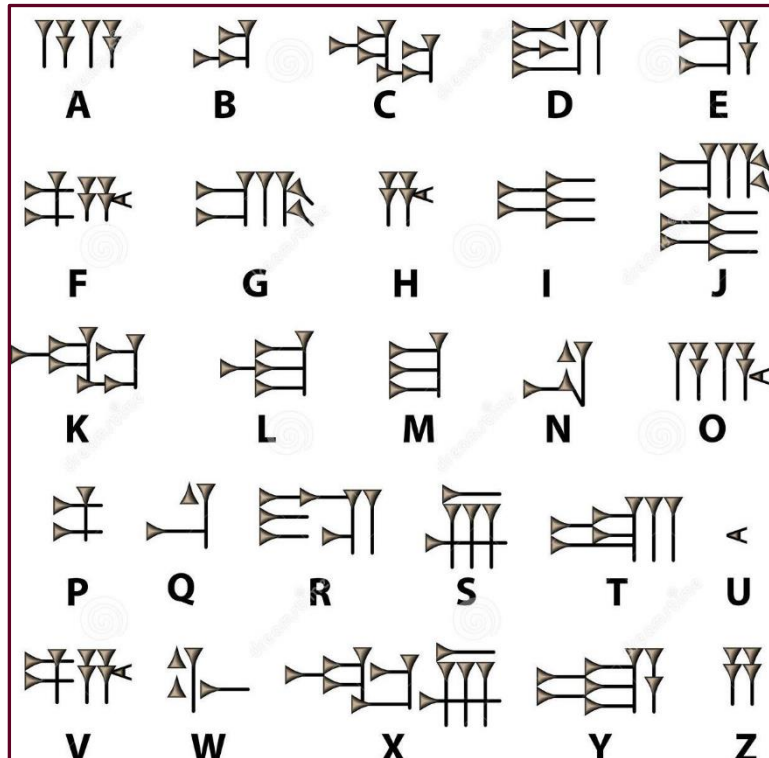


Y6 Art – Sumerian Tablets

Cuneiform

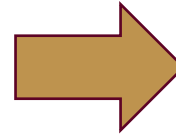
The Ancient Sumerians developed a written language called cuneiform.

It began as pictographs, pictures of things that acted as words. These worked but were quite cumbersome. Soon, the Ancient Sumerians started to use wedge-shaped symbols for objects and ideas instead.



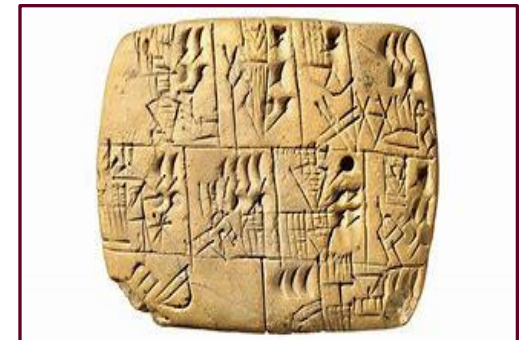
Vocabulary

Cuneiform Writing	A logo based form of writing that was used in ancient civilisations
Incise	To carve into a surface
Score	To scratch hatch marks on clay
Slip	Clay mixed with water



Modelling

First, flatten out a ball of clay to create a flat surface for marking on. Experiment with different clay tools in order to make the shapes required to form the wedge-shaped symbols of cuneiform.



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