Hieroglyphics

The Ancient Egyptians were a clever civilization that saw the importance and need to record written information. They developed a form of writing called Hieroglyphics. This form of writing used pictures and each picture had a meaning.

Scribes played an important role in Ancient Egyptian Society because they were the people who knew how to write hieroglyphics. They were the ones that recorded all the information in Ancient Egypt.

Use the table on this page to decode the hieroglyphics on the next page. You will learn how we came to know what the pictures in hieroglyphics mean.





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Decode the message

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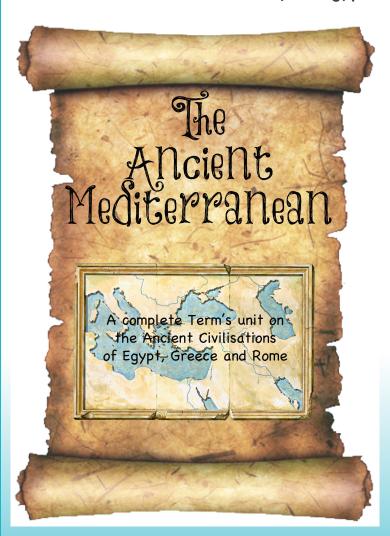
Teacher Answer sheet

The hieroglyphics decoded says the following:

The hieroglyphic records of the scribes has allowed historians to uncover much about Ancient Egyptian life. But the secret code of hieroglyphics was not broken until 1799 a French soldier found a slab of stone near the Nile River. On this Rosetta stone was carved a message by a pharaoh in three different languages. A translator, Champollion used this stone to break the hieroglyphic code.

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