



- **Hieroglyphs = Noun**

Example: I love writing my name using hieroglyphs.

- **Hieroglyphic = Adjective**

Example: Hieroglyphic writing was a system used by Ancient Egyptians.

- Writing appeared by 3200 BCE
- The writing system began as **pictographic**, but later it was supplemented by symbols that represented a sound or idea.
- The discovery of the **Rosetta Stone** made it possible to translate hieroglyphs.

- Names of kings and other people are often written in a cartouche

- The ancient Egyptians believed that you had to have your name written down somewhere to gain access to the afterlife. By attaching a cartouche to their coffin, people made sure their name was written down in at least one place.



- *Example:* The cartouche of King Tut:

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Notes:

- There is a special symbol for the sound represented by the “SH” and “CH” letter combination.
- There is no equivalent of the sound represented by the “TH” letter combination as in Theodore, so the D sound would need to be used here
- In Egypt text was traditionally written from right to left, rather than from left to right.
- When writing female names, the symbol for woman was placed after the spelling of the name to denote her gender. When writing a male name, use the male figure.
- The human figures would always be drawn facing the beginning of the word or sentence.

Try writing your name in this cartouche using hieroglyphs.

