

CUNEIFORM ACTIVITY WORKSHEET

NAME _____ INITIALS IN CUNEIFORM _____

- Using the "Write Like A Babylonian" web tool at <http://www.penn.museum/cgi/cuneiform.cgi>, record your initials in cuneiform on the line above.
- Imagine your own symbols for each number 1-9 and for three barter items. Remember that they should be easy to draw, and easily distinguishable from one another.

1	4	7
2	5	8
3	6	9

Item	
Item	
Item	

- Imagine you have bartered your wares for three other types of items from two different people. Decide what types of items and how many of each you have received:

Person #1

Item #1: _____

Item #2: _____

Item #3: _____

Person #2

Item #1: _____

Item #2: _____

Item #3: _____

- Record your trades in the boxes, first in Arabic numerals and English, and then in the symbols you created above. Make sure to total the number of each type of item.

English

Symbols

Name: _____ Date: _____ Period: _____ SR#: _____

Evolution of Writing
Pictographs to Cuneiform

Directions: Use the alphabet chart to translate a message from English to Cuneiform.

English: "Welcome to Mesopotamia"
Cuneiform:

English: "Cuneiform"
Cuneiform:

Use the cuneiform alphabet to write your first name in cuneiform

A Cuneiform "Alphabet"			
A		N	
B		O	
C		P	
D		Q	
E		R	
F		S	
G		T	
H		U	
I		V	
J		W	
K		X	
L		Y	
M		Z	

Writing with Pictographs

Use the chart below to write a message in Ancient Pictographs about Mesopotamia. Then find 3 different people who can translate it **without** the chart. You must use at least 8 pictographs in your message. Write your message on a separate piece of paper and staple it to this paper.

BIRD					GRAIN				
FISH					ORCHARD				
DONKEY					PLOUGH				
OX					BOOMERANG				
SUN					FOOT				

What were the first writing tablets used for?

Sumerians were the first people to keep written records using Cuneiform

True False