



Enjoy your own Ancient Egypt Family Day with the Institute of Egyptian Art & Archaeology!

Travel back in time to explore the wonders of **ancient Egypt in your own home.**

We have 4 activities included here: Write Your Name in Hieroglyphs, Paint-a-Pot, Mazes, and Word Searches. Below are some instructions and background information for the activities.

Write Your Name in Hieroglyphs:

Try your hand at writing in an ancient Egyptian script!

Ancient Egyptians used several systems for writing their language. Hieroglyphs were one method of writing. This system uses symbols to represent sounds and meanings. Learn about Ancient Egyptian writing and try writing your name in hieroglyphs. The chart included here gives a bit more information and shows the symbols that match up with the English alphabet which you can use to help you fill in a blank cartouche. Cartouches are oval shapes that were used to indicate royal names. In writing, Egyptians used signs called determinatives to indicate men and women. Included here are cartouches with a girl determinative and cartouches with a boy determinative. Feel free to use whichever you would like.

All you need are coloring supplies. Using the chart, try to copy the symbols to spell your name.

Paint-a-Pot:

Decorate a (paper) pot using designs that are thousands of years old!

Think about the dishes you use in your life—plates to eat dinner on, decorative jars, containers for storage and more. Just like us, ancient Egyptians also used dishes, but theirs were typically made of clay and they decorated the pieces with designs from the world around them. The designs here are from the Predynastic Period, which was more than 5000 years ago! Learn about different designs used on ancient Egyptian pottery and color your own pots.

You'll need coloring supplies and scissors (scissors are not included in the gift bag).

Use the patterns found in the document to color and decorate your own pottery. When finished, cut out your completed pieces.

Mazes:

Everyone loves a maze! See if you can make it through these Egypt-themed mazes.

All you need is a writing utensil, and then start making your way through these twists and turns.

Word Searches:

For some additional fun, enjoy some word searches inspired by ancient Egypt!

You'll just need something to write with to complete these games.

We hope you enjoy these activities! After you finish, we'd love to see your creativity! Email us a picture of your child's artwork with their first name and age for us to share on social media. If you'd prefer not to include their name or age, that's okay too. ieaafamilyday@gmail.com

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Hieroglyphs chart

A 

B 

C 

D 

E 

F 

G 

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K 

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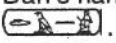
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Seated Woman 

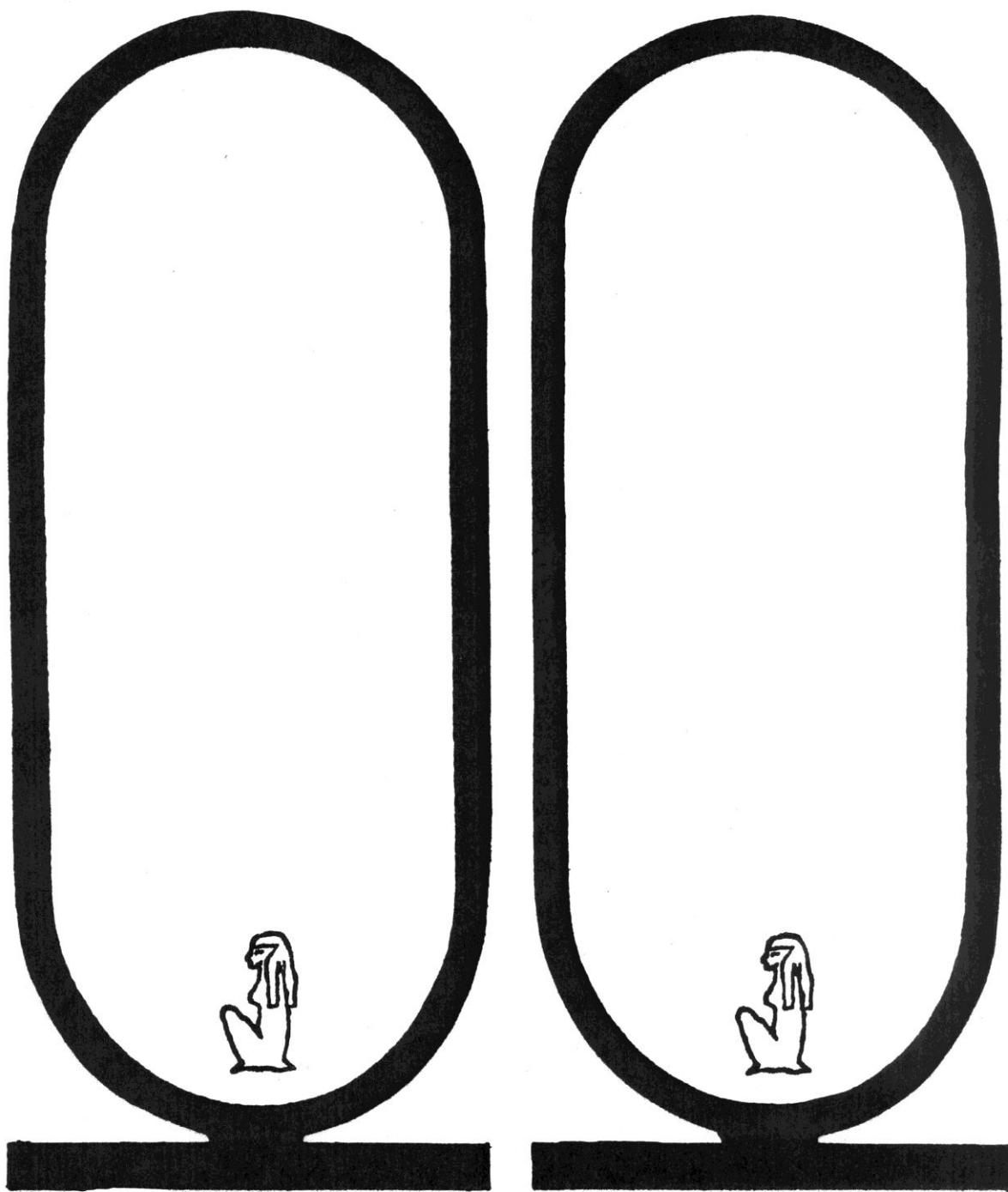
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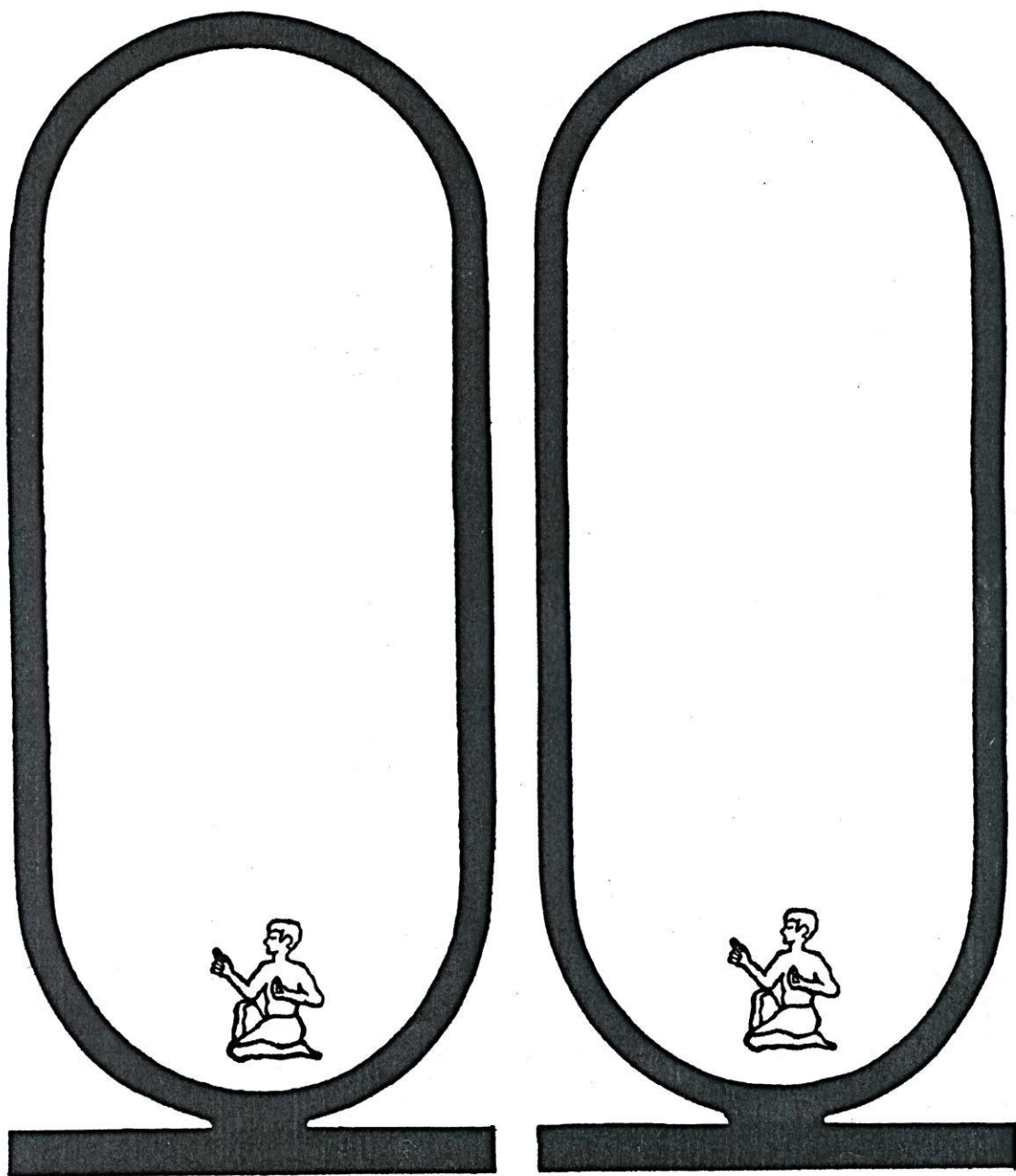
Cartouche 

Plural Strokes | | |

The ancient Egyptians used pictures for writing. Each picture stands for either a sound or an idea. To write a word, Egyptians would spell out the word with the hieroglyphs that stand for sounds. Then they would add a hieroglyph that stands for an idea. These idea hieroglyphs are called *determinatives*. For example, a person named Dan could use the sound signs for D, A, and N, and follow those with the determinative for a man. Names could be put inside a cartouche. Dan's name would look like this: . If there was more than one of something, the plural hieroglyph would be added. For example the word *pen* could be written with the sound signs for P, E, and N. For more than one pen, the word could be written with the same sound signs and then the plural strokes, which would look like this: .

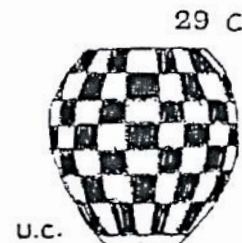
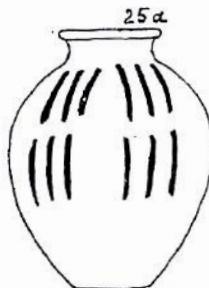
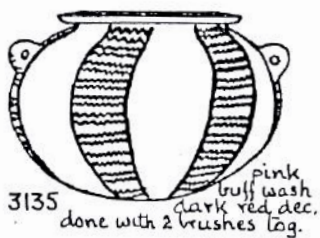
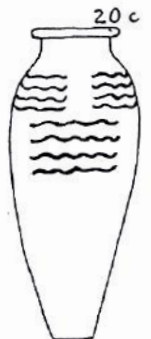
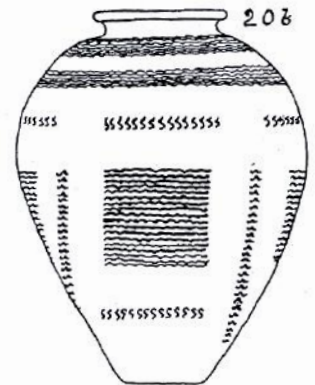
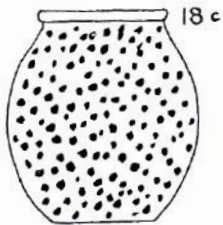
You may have seen other Egyptian alphabet lists that look different than this one. That is because the Egyptians did not use all the same letters we use. To have a hieroglyph for each English letter, we have to use some signs that have similar sounds.

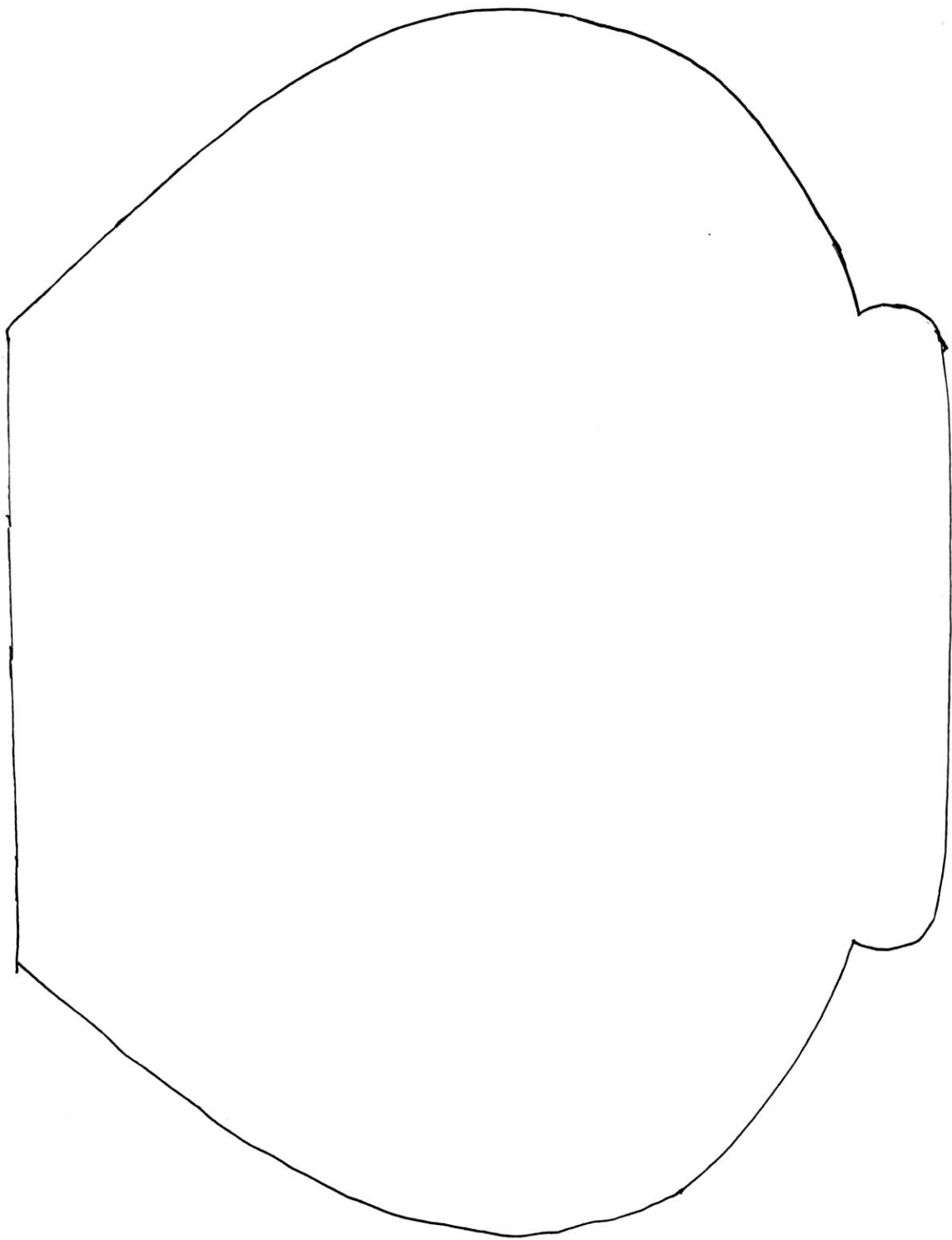


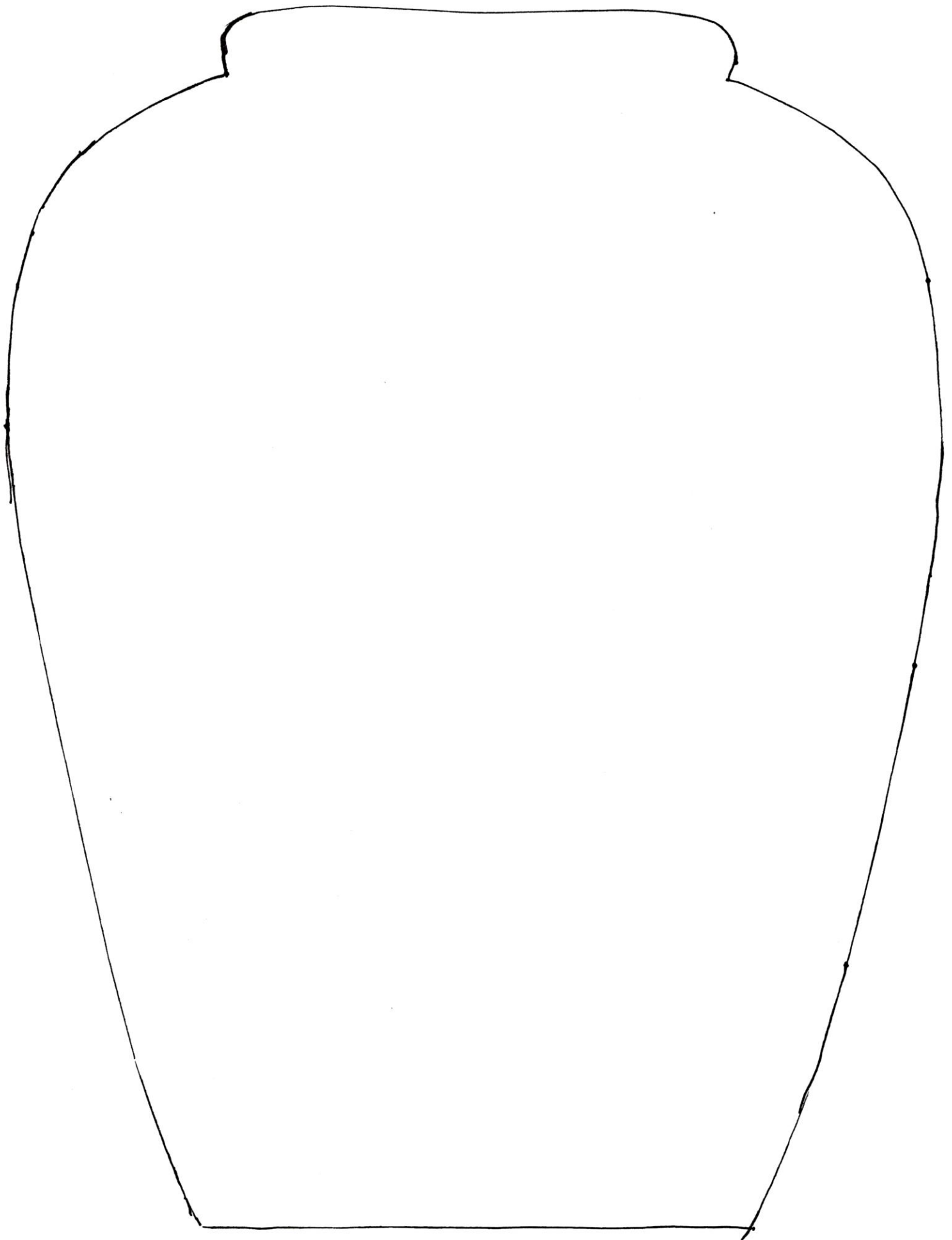


Predynastic Egyptian Pottery

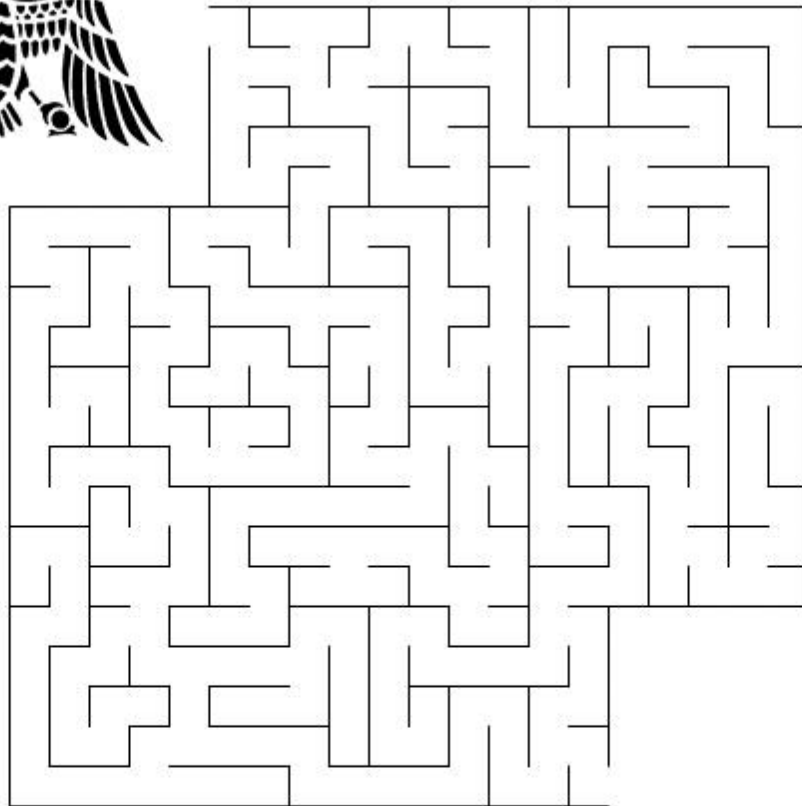
Pottery is one of the most common artifacts from the Predynastic Period (4000-3000 B.C), which is the time before the unification of Upper and Lower Egypt under one king. Pots, bowls and jars were made of clay and decorated with drawings of birds, animals, plants, stick-figure people, boats and geometric designs (such as dots or wavy lines). The pottery was usually a light color and the decoration was done with reddish-brown paint. This type of pottery is called "Decorated Ware." Some people believe that these designs were made by finger painting because sometimes we see fingerprints in the paint.







Ancient Egypt Maze



Word Scrambles

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

Gods and Goddesses

Words to Find

Atum
 Nut (2 times)
 Osiris
 Seth
 Nephthys
 Geb
 Isis
 Bes
 Seshat
 Ptah
 Shu
 Thoth
 Amun
 Horus
 Sakhmet
 Tefnut
 Taweret
 Anubis

Tombs and Temples

Words to Find

mummy
 Anubis
 naos
 resin
 linen
 Atum
 amulet (2 times)
 Nun
 Maat
 Thoth
 mask
 barque
 Ammit
 natron
 ba (5 times)
 necropolis
 ka (9 times)
 Book of the Dead
 akh (5 times)
 canopic jars

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