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One of the ways the ancient Egyptians wrote is in Egyptian hieroglyphs.

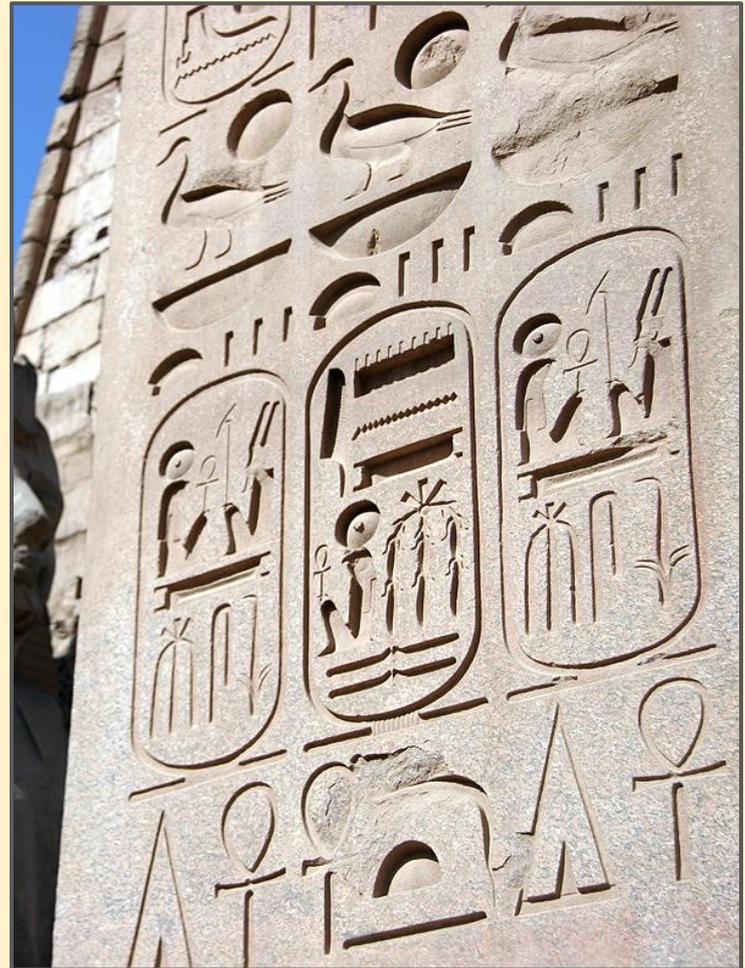
These use symbols to show meanings.

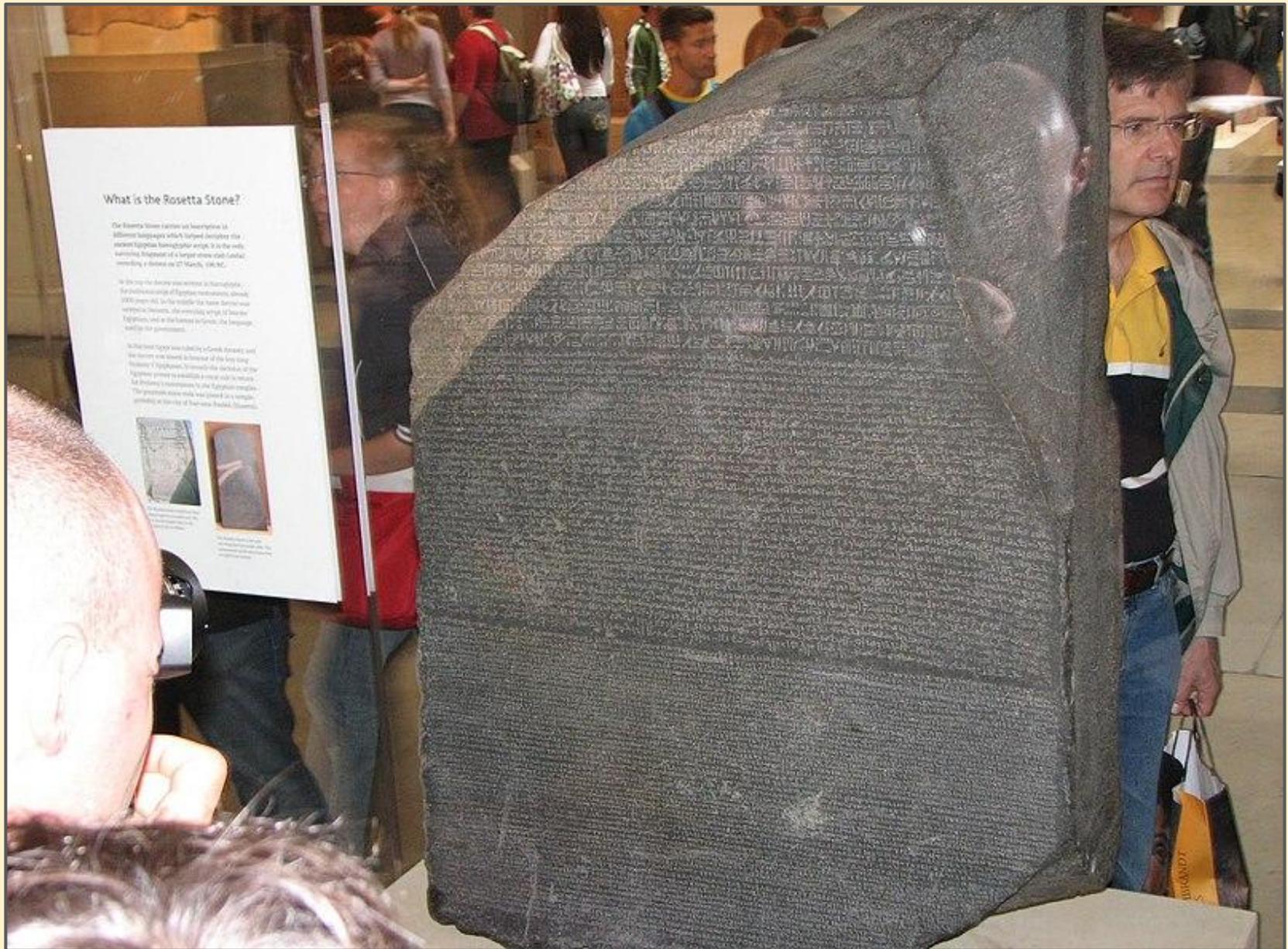


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The “code” to decipher Egyptian hieroglyphs was lost for thousands of years.

Archaeologists knew they were writing, but didn't know what they said.





This is the Rosetta Stone. It was discovered in 1799.

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The Rosetta stone has 3 versions of the same piece of writing on it - 1 in hieroglyphs, 1 in a different Egyptian script and one in Ancient Greek.

The key was that people knew how to translate Ancient Greek (more or less...)

This provided a way of breaking the code and understanding how hieroglyphs work.

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Task:

Find out some more about how hieroglyphs work. The image might help.

Do you think hieroglyphs are a code like the others we've talked about?

EXTRACT FROM TALE OF TWO BROTHERS.

the determinatives are marked by *, and the syllabic characters by †; the remaining signs are alphabetic.

