

Review of Cuneiform Writing

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Understanding Ancient Mesopotamia's Writing System

Name: _____

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Answer the questions below to show what you learned about cuneiform and its importance.

1. What does 'cuneiform' mean?

- A. Wedge-shaped
- B. Square-shaped
- C. Round-shaped

2. Writing was first invented in ____ around 3200 BC.

3. Why is writing important for communication?

4. Match the item to what it represents in cuneiform.

Stylus

Used to make marks

Clay Tablet

Where cuneiform is written

5. What were cuneiform symbols used for?

- A. Drawing pictures
- B. Representing words and numbers
- C. Making music

6. How would life be different without writing?

7. Proverbs 3:3 teaches us to write mercy and truth on the tablet of our ____.

8. What material did Sumerians use to write cuneiform?

- A. Paper
- B. Wood
- C. Clay

9. What kinds of things do you think people wanted to remember in cuneiform?

10. Match the following years with their significance in writing.

3200 BC

First writing system

Over 3,000 years

Duration of cuneiform

Answer Key

1. Wedge-shaped 2. Mesopotamia 3. It helps people share information and keep records. 4. Used to make marks 5. Representing words and numbers 6. People would forget important events and stories. 7. heart 8. Clay 9. They wanted to remember trade, stories, and important events. 10. First writing system

