

VIRIDIS FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS: YEAR 3 ART TASK—SUMMER

Canopic Jars

This term our Art unit will look at practising our sculpting skills to create canopic jars inspired by the work of the ancient Egyptians.



Research stage

Canopic jars were used by the ancient Egyptians as containers in which the separately mummified organs would be stored. The jars are usually designed in a shape that honours one of the sons of Horus.

What materials were used to make the canopic jars?

Why do images of animals appear throughout Egyptian pottery and statues?

Why were canopic jars an important part of the mummification process?

How do the canopic jars represent Egyptian beliefs about the gods?

Key Vocabulary

form structure canopic finish etch carve colour
representation

Task:

Sketch the figure of the four sons of Horus then label which organ each God protected.



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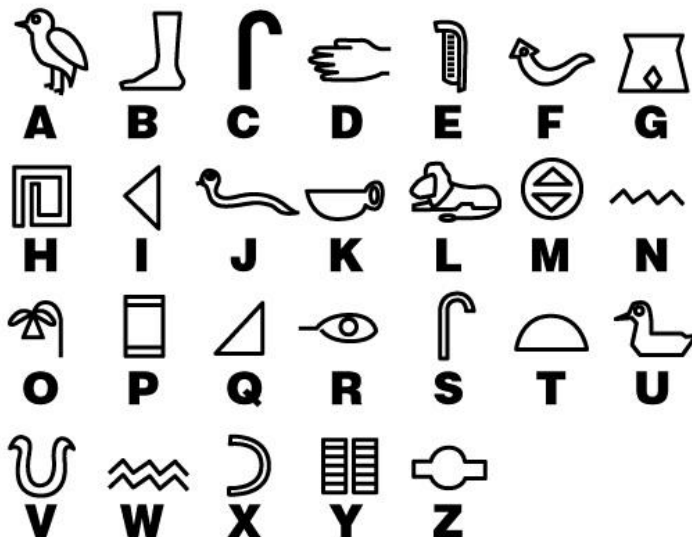


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Design stage

Carved hieroglyphs can often be found on the fronts of the jars, in the form of inscriptions asking the gods for protection or listing the name of the owner.

ANCIENT EGYPT HIEROGLYPHICS



Write your name in hieroglyphics using the key above

Task:

Sketch an Egyptian style clay pot paying extra attention to the detail carved into the pot

1. Begin by lightly sketching the outline with your pencil to form the outline of your pot.
2. Sketch the base of your canopic jar first before sketching the lid.
3. Use your pencil to create tone (light and dark) by feathering. This will give your sketch a 3D form.



Task:

Design a series of canopic jars inspired by the Ancient Egyptians. Think about which God your jar lid will represent.

Create stage

To create our canopic jars, we will be making our own clay using simple ingredients that can be found at home.

How to make clay

<https://youtu.be/IJP-lk-5l-U>



Task:

Now begin forming your jar using your homemade clay.

1. Roll your clay into several sausage-like pieces. Each piece will form a ring.
2. Stack the rings carefully to form a cylindrical shape.
3. Use your fingers to smooth the gaps between each ring.
4. Begin forming the shape by gently pinching to create the jar.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1D_NgdcuEA0

Share your work

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