

STALAE DESIGN

Age Range: Any

Historic Context: Stelae are often shaped like modern day gravestones or tombstones and some might say it was the Ancient Egyptian equivalent. But where the traditional tombstone might tell you what the deceased person did for a living, or who was a part of their family; the Ancient Egyptian Stelae often told you more about what the deceased wanted to happen after they passed. Stelae are often adorned with an image of the deceased sitting and receiving the offerings they would need for life after death in the eternal beyond. Sometimes a stelae would portray the perfect passage into the beyond, offering goods to the king of the beyond, Osiris. The hieroglyphics on stelae are typically offering formulas to be recited in case you don't have the goods physically.

Time: 30+ min

Materials Needed: paper, pencil, scissors, coloring tools, some egyptian letters*

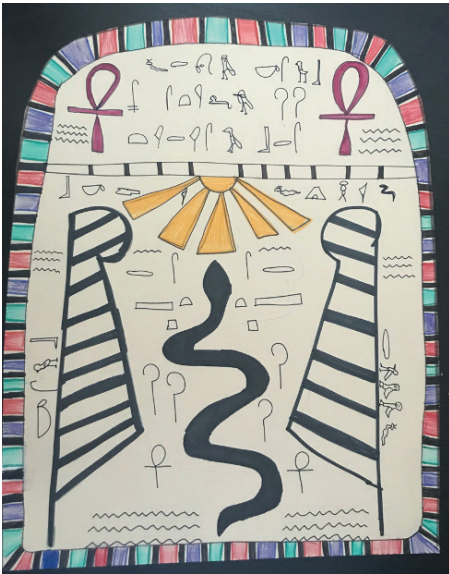
STEP ONE: DRAW A TOMBSTONE-LIKE SHAPE.



STEP TWO: CUT IT OUT.



STEP THREE: DECORATE AND COLOR - TRY WRITING YOUR OWN NAME!



*EGYPTIAN LETTERS FOR REFERENCE

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