

WHAT IS WRITING?	
AUDIO	IMAGE/VIDEO
These cave paintings are probably 20,000 years old,	
They are located at Pech Merle, in Lot, in southern France.	
What does this lively Ice Age graffiti mean?	
In the past, scholars did not know how to read these scripts, and they doubted whether these could be read in the same way as alphabetic writing.	
The assumption was that these exotic symbols represented ideas and thoughts, probably exalted and mystical, not the sounds of a once-living people and language.	
Today we can read many of the glyphs on this ceramic pot, painted with weird and wonderful mythological scenes of the ancient Maya	
And, we can read the ebony and tinted ivory hieroglyphs on this box of Tutankhamen.	
We know that, strange as it may seem, both these samples of ancient writing resemble our alphabet in their fundamental principles of operation.	
To understand how this can be, we need to grasp how our own scripts represent sounds and meanings.	
In everyday life in contemporary times, we do not generally use symbols that are recognizably pictorial, unlike Egyptian hieroglyphs, the symbols on Sumerian clay tablets, or the ambiguous signs that accompany the cave paintings of Ice Age Europe.	
What role do pictures play in the evolution of writing?	

How, precisely, is writing defined?	
What is writing?	

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HOMEWORK:

- 1) Identify, gather, and integrate visual imagery to enhance the AUDIO voice over track above-provided.
- 2) Record the voice over.
- 3) Edit a short video that is based on the script you have developed.

DELIVERABLE:

A short Audioslideshow based upon the script you have developed