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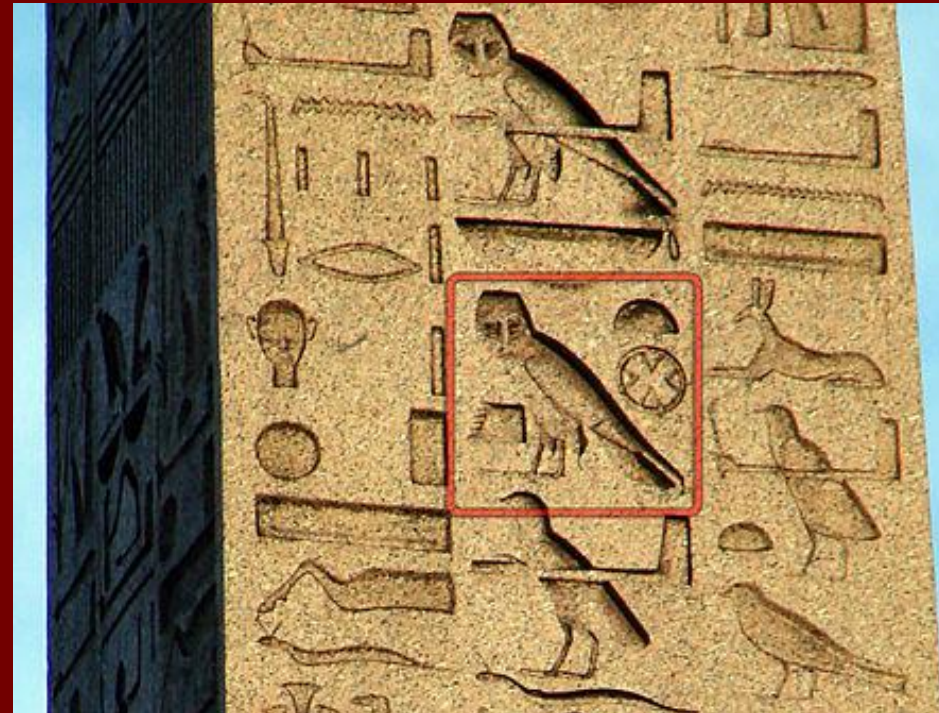
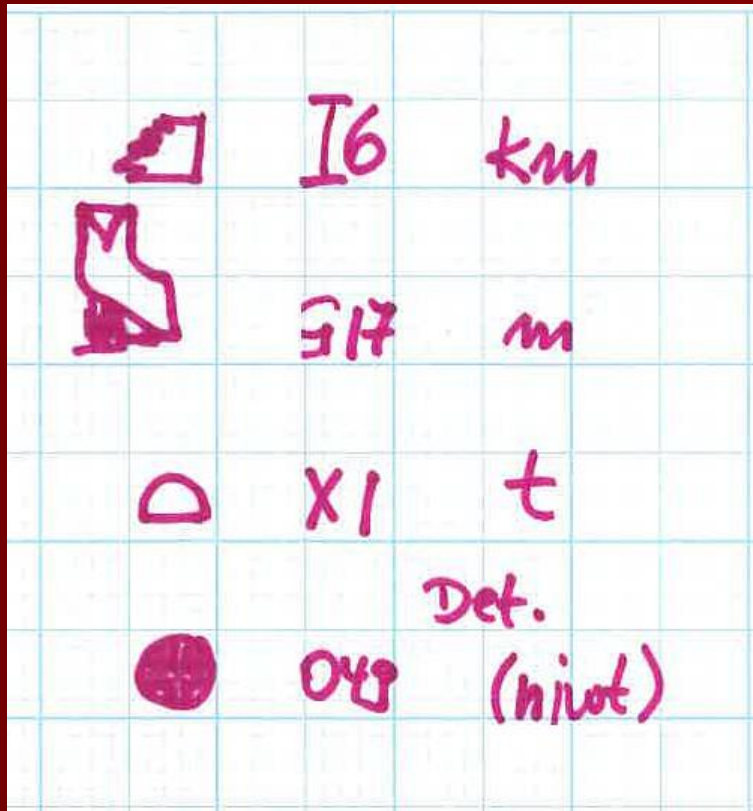
Reading directions

HPAH4016/5066/6066 Hieroglyphs 1

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Writing Km.t - Egypt



The tomb of Ahmose, Son of Ibana at El Kab





How to read and write in ancient Egypt?

□ Hieroglyphs

- Columns – top to bottom

- Right → left

- Left → right

- Lines → starting with top most line in register

- Right → left

- Left → right

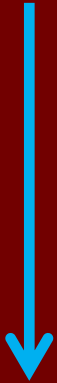
□ Hieratic

- In lines, left → right

□ Demotic

- In lines, left → right

The tomb of Ahmose, Son of Ibana at El Kab



How to read the arrows?

- Direction to be read within the general direction (columns or lines)
- Direction within column / line (right to left, left to right, up to down etc.)



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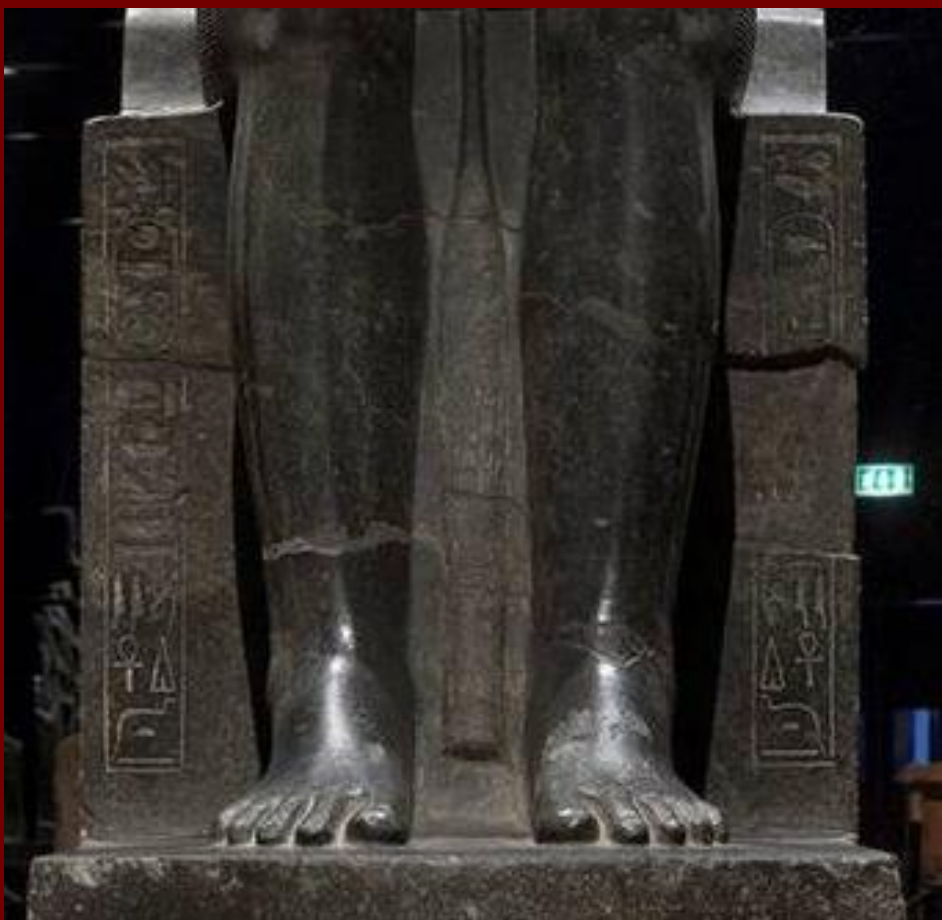




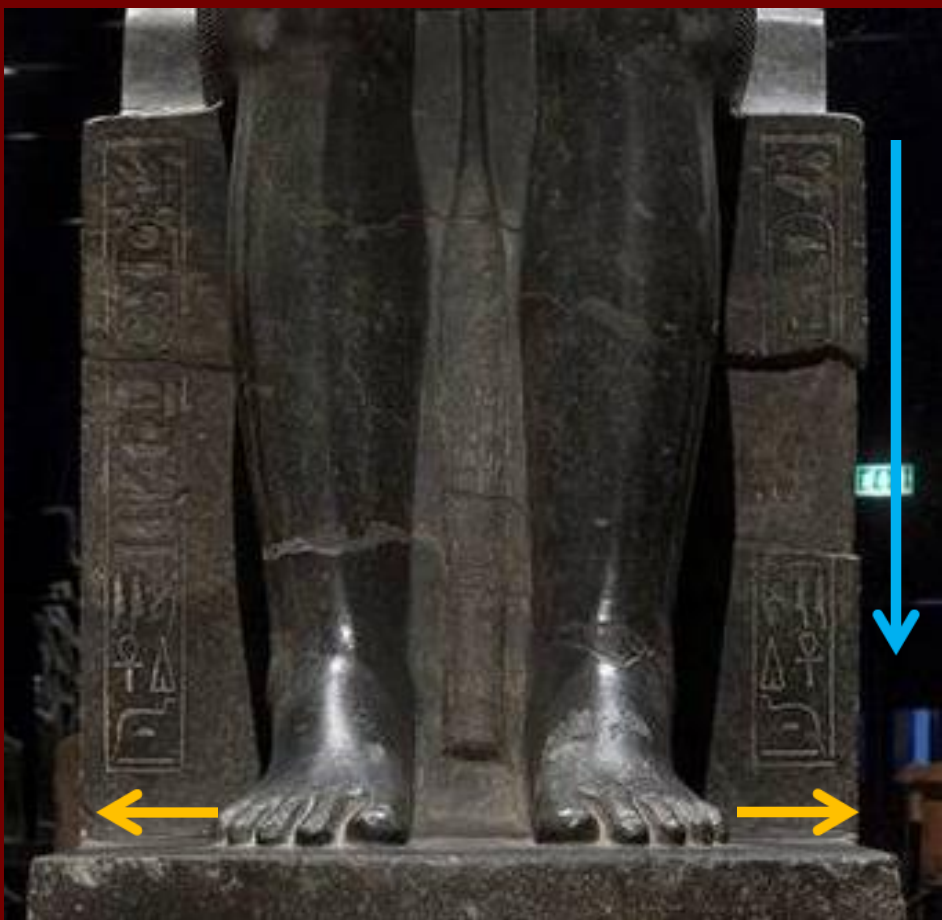
All lines and columns

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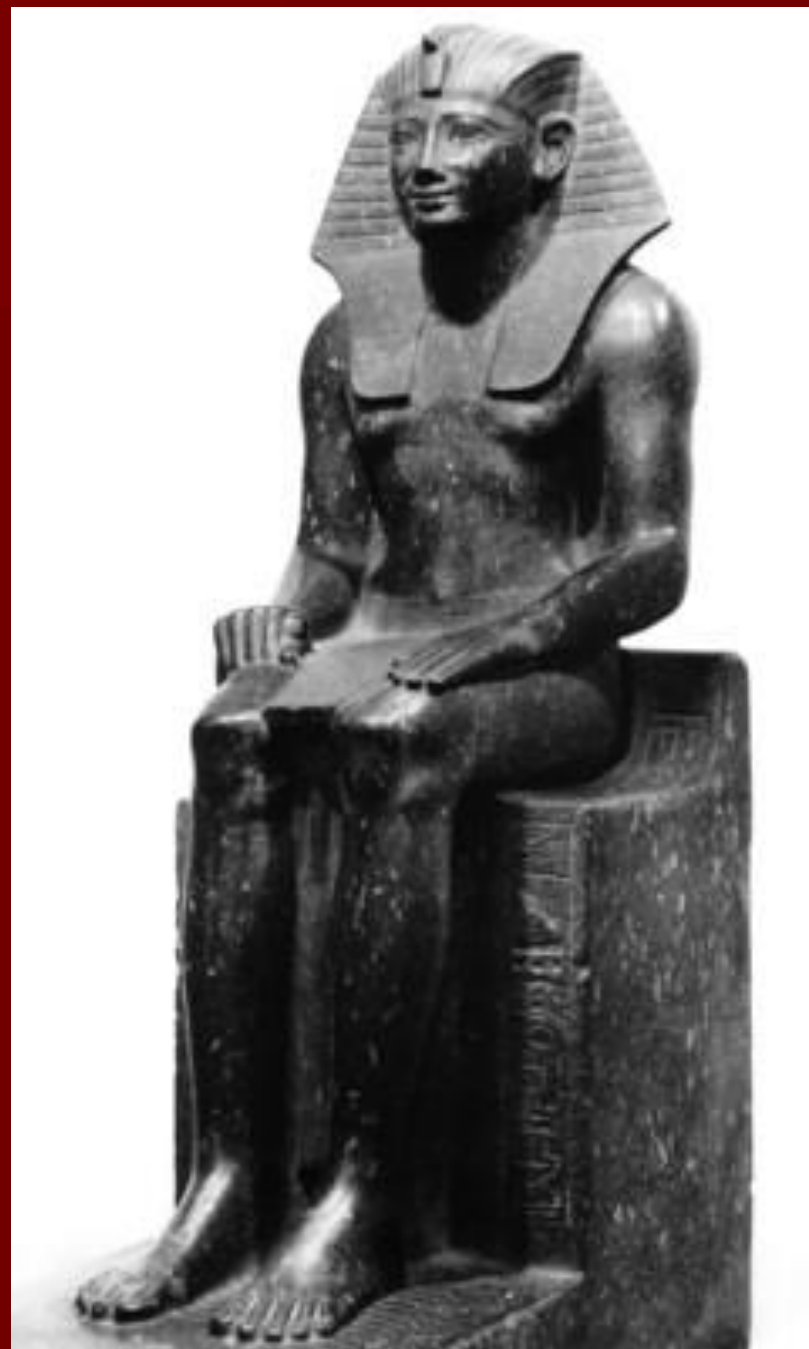
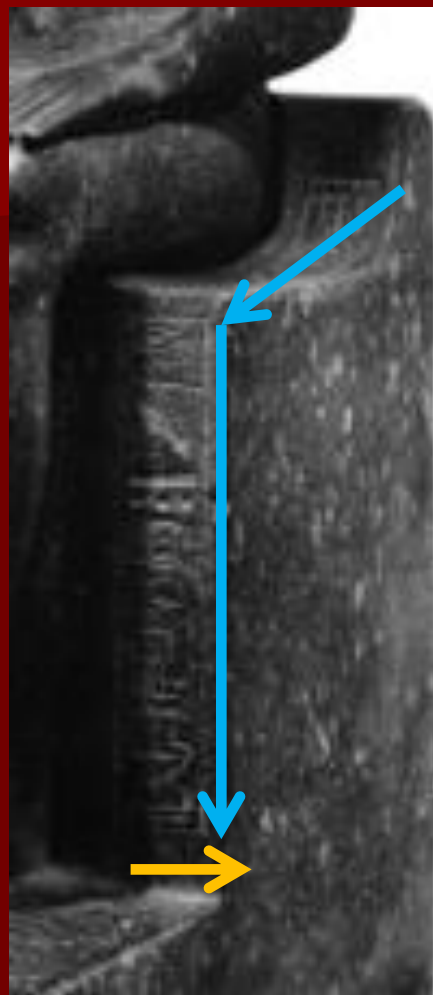
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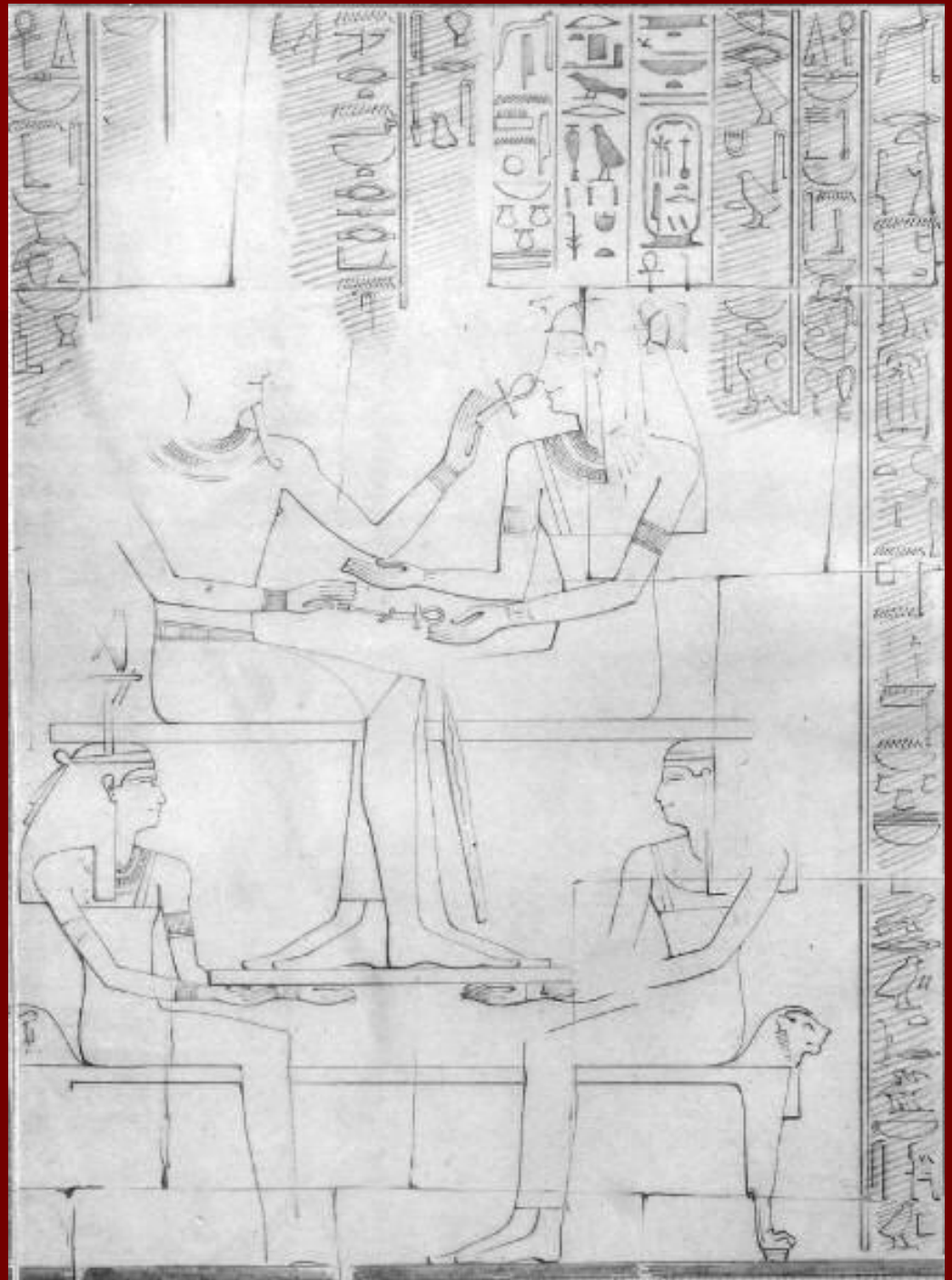


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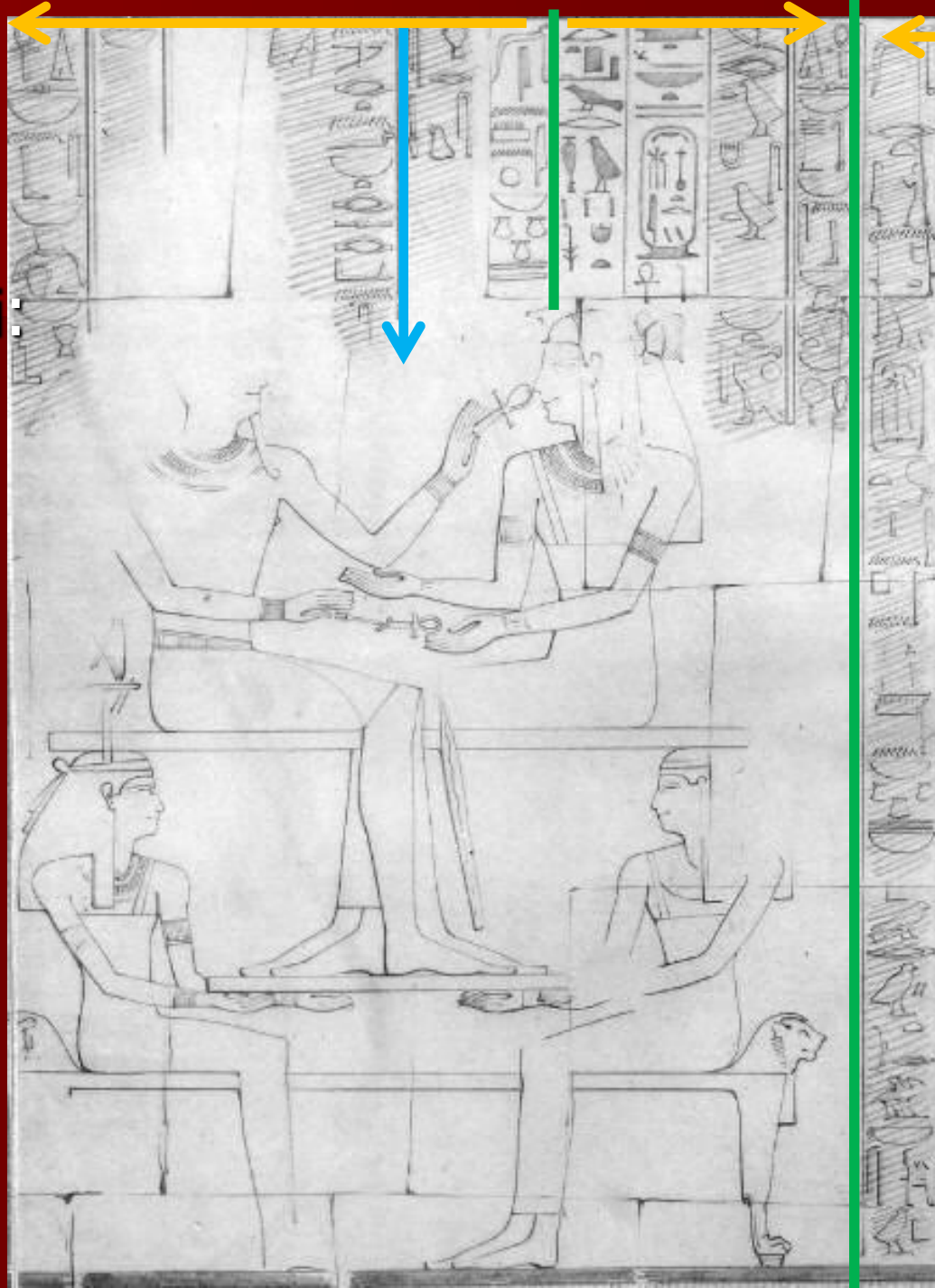
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New
scene,
new
register

Deir el Bahari

Senenmut in one of
the niches



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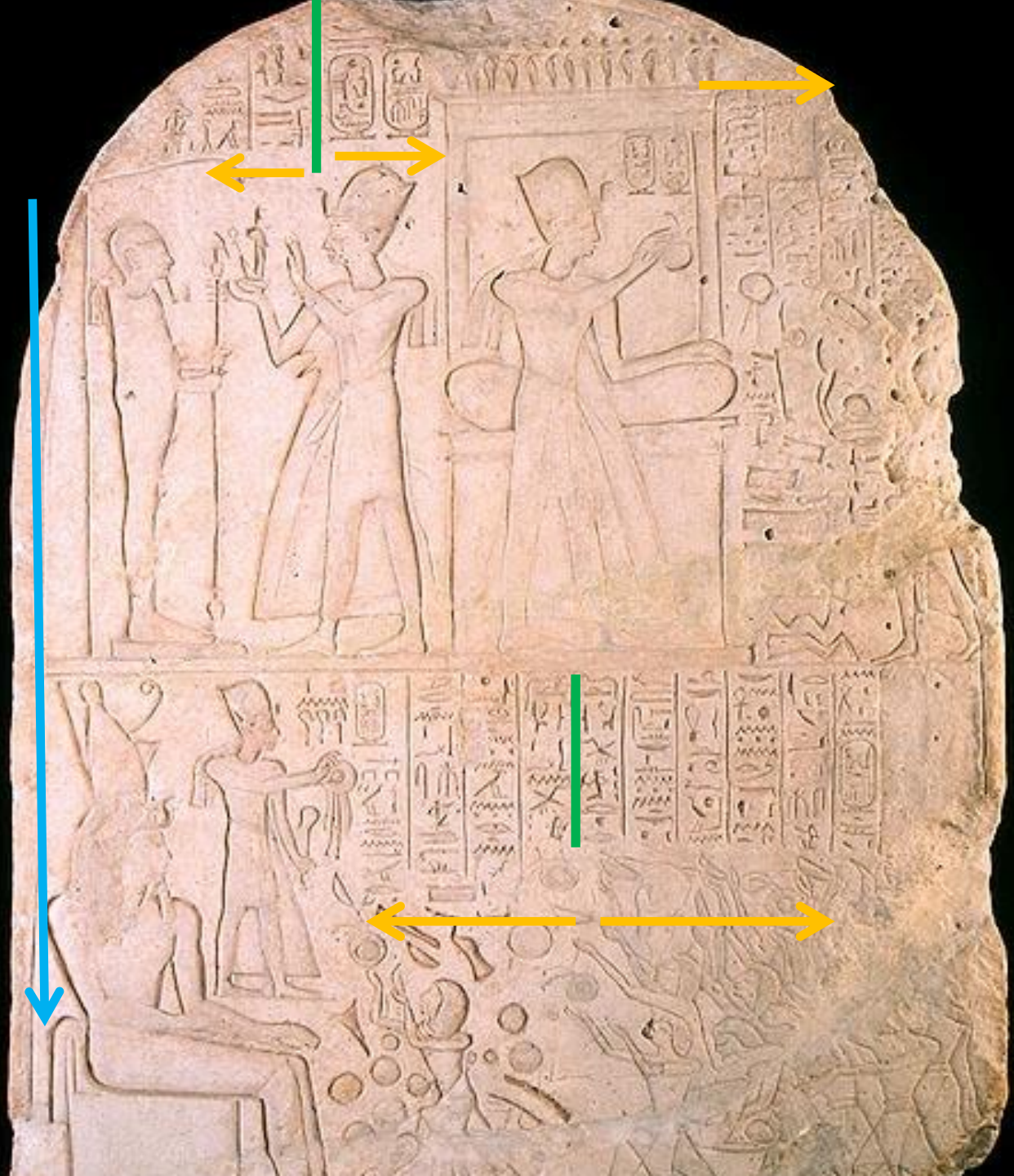
Award of the Gold of Honour to a soldier

NEW KINGDOM: 19TH
DYNASTY: RAMESSES
II / USERMAATRE-
SETEPENRE

From Tell Horbeit,
Quantir



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Narmer Palette (31st century BC), found in Hierakonpolis, now Egyptian Museum



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Paris, Louvre 290

Limestone

Upper part stela, king
Wadj (dyn. 1)

One of a pair, set up
on east side of kings
tomb (offering place)



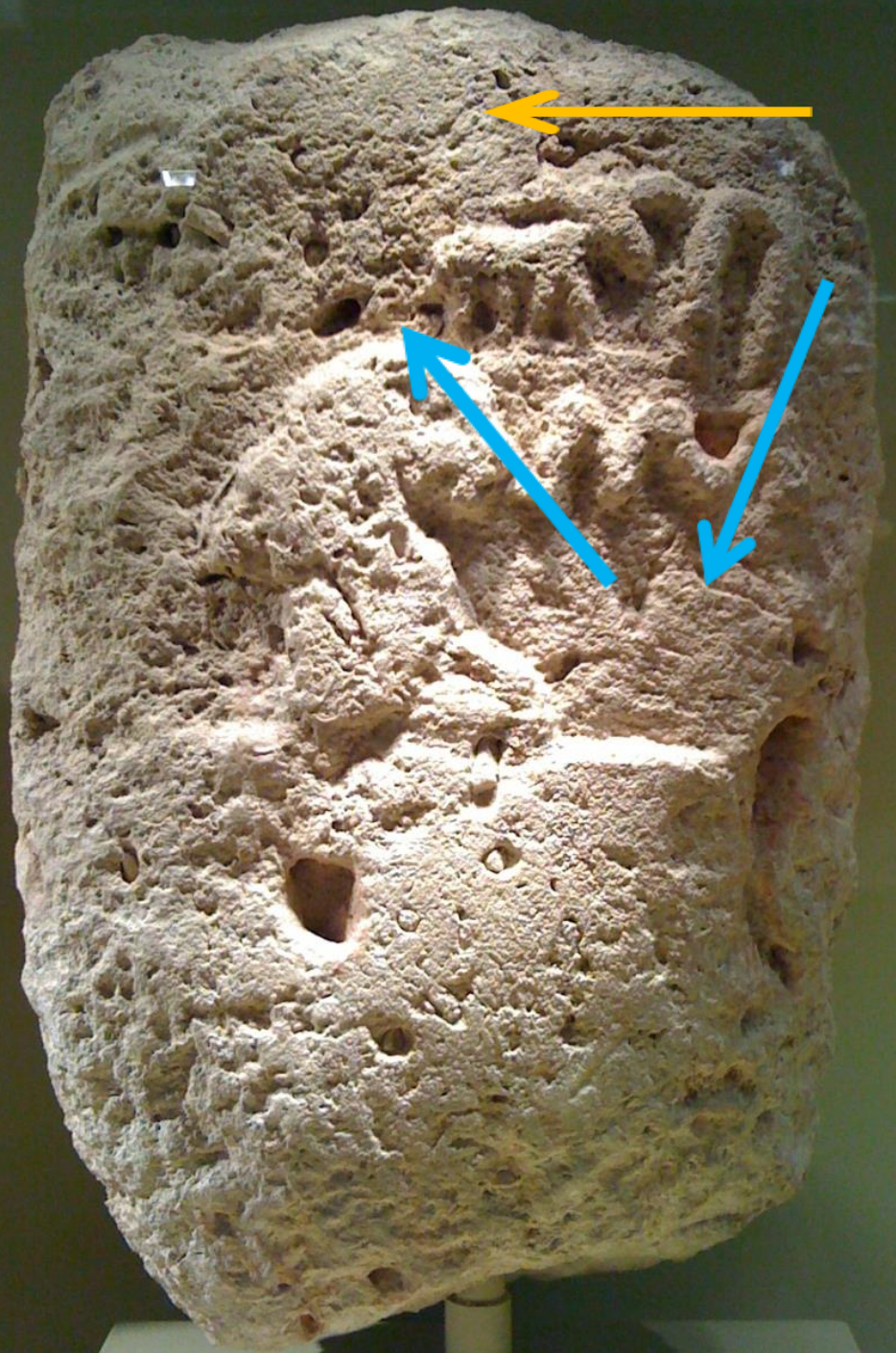
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Private stela
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Innovative Hieroglyphs Graeco-Roman Period



Innovative Hieroglyphs



Empty or unspecific cartouches

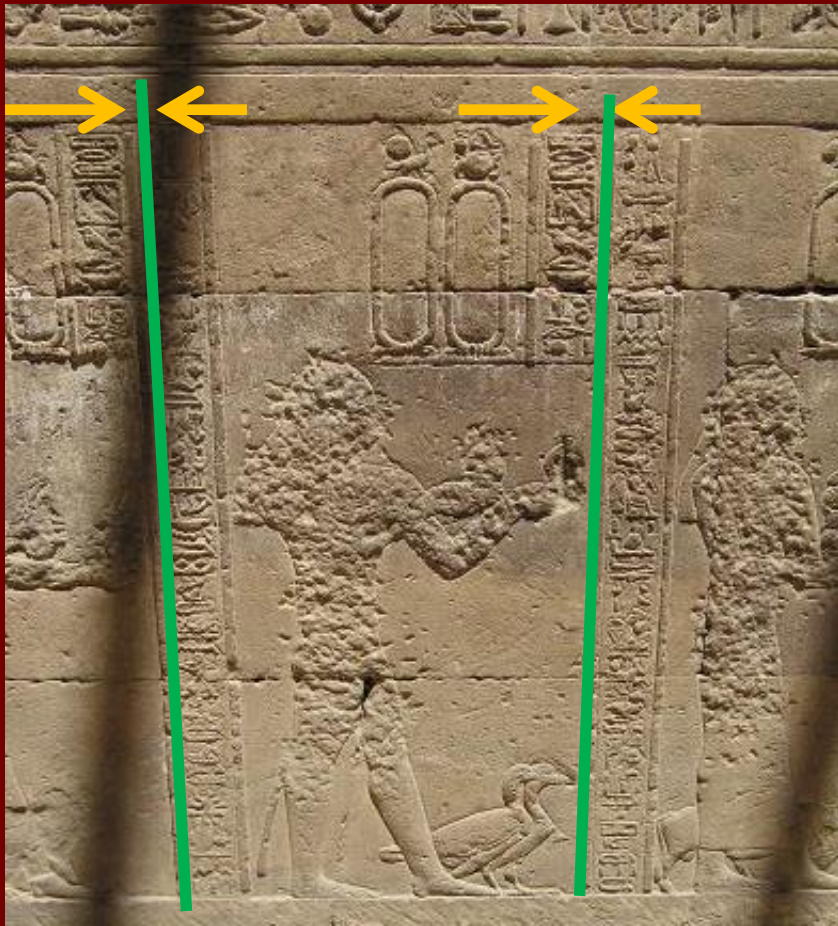
Graeco-Roman Period

Temple of Hathor, Dendara Temple of Hathor, Dendara



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High relief
(Graeco-
Roman
Period, Kom
Ombo, Sobek
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The artistic value of hieroglyphs

Following the same characteristics
as art

Same canon is applied

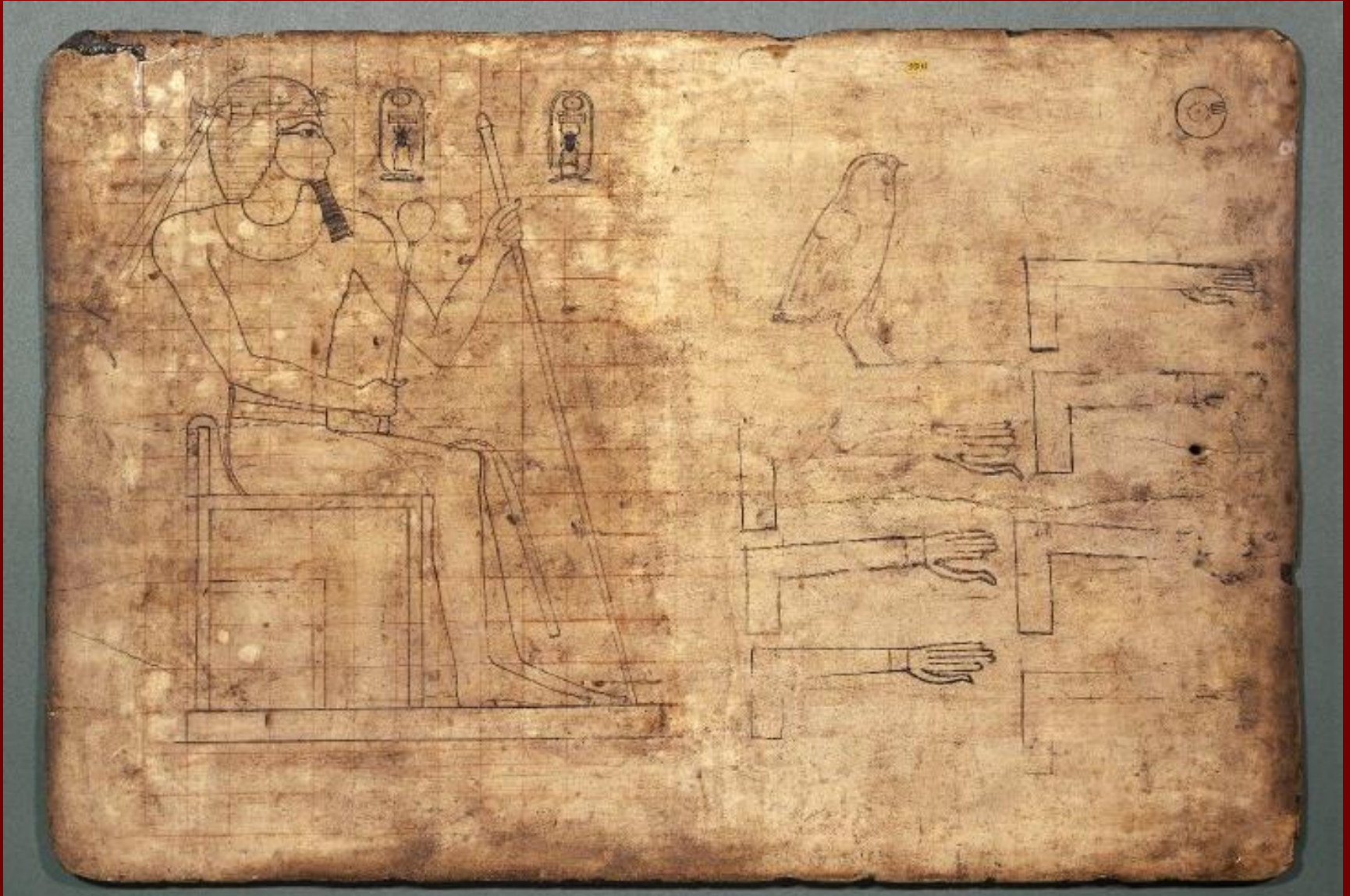


The Egyptian Eagle Owl



drawing-board (BM 5601 - NK)

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Artist's gridded sketch

New Kingdom, Dynasty 18, reign of Hatshepsut, ca. 1479–1458 B.C.,
from western Thebes

