

Lesson 12

Write the Topic Sentence

Read the supporting details below. Then write a topic sentence that covers ALL of them.

Supporting details:

1. The earliest examples of cuneiform writing are lists of grain payments and cattle inventories.
2. Egyptian hieroglyphs were first used to record the names of pharaohs and goods in royal storehouses.
3. The earliest Mayan glyphs appear on stone monuments marking the reigns of rulers and important dates.

My topic sentence:

Vocabulary: Match the Term

Write the matching letter on the blank next to each term.

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| 1. | Cuneiform | A. An ancient Chinese writing system where characters were carved into animal bones or turtle shells to ask questions to ancestors. |
| 2. | Hieroglyphs | B. The world's first writing system, developed in ancient Sumer, using wedge-shaped marks pressed into soft clay. |
| 3. | Glyph | C. An ancient Egyptian writing system that used pictures and symbols to stand for words, sounds, and categories. |
| 4. | Oracle Bones | D. A single picture, symbol, or carved mark used in a writing system. |