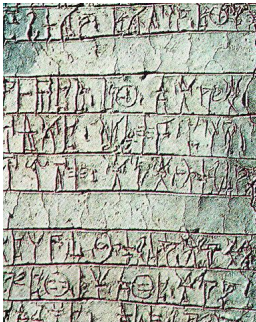


There are no translations available.

The Beginning

- Mycenaean civilization
- thirteenth century BC
- Linear B script
- Linear B is a syllabary, not an alphabet

Linear B Script



Minoan Civilization of Crete

- used a similar syllabary known as Linear A
- Linear A has not been deciphered
- Linear A and Linear B look similar enough
- Tablets written using the Linear B script begin to appear only after the decline of the Minoan culture following the eruption of Thera (a volcanic island= Santorini).

Linear B Syllabary

𐀀	𐀁	𐀂	𐀃	𐀄	𐀅	𐀆	𐀇	𐀈	𐀉	𐀊	𐀋	𐀌	𐀍	𐀎	𐀏
a	da	ja	ka	ma	na	pa	qa	ra	sa	ta	wa	za			
𐀐	𐀑	𐀒	𐀓	𐀔	𐀕	𐀖	𐀗	𐀘	𐀙	𐀚	𐀛	𐀜	𐀝	𐀞	𐀟
e	de	je	ke	me	ne	pe	qe	re	se	te	we	ze			
𐀠	𐀡	𐀢	𐀣	𐀤	𐀥	𐀦	𐀧	𐀨	𐀩	𐀪	𐀫	𐀬	𐀭	𐀮	𐀯
i	di	ji	ki	mi	ni	pi	qi	ri	si	ti	wi				
𐀰	𐀱	𐀲	𐀳	𐀴	𐀵	𐀶	𐀷	𐀸	𐀹	𐀺	𐀻	𐀼	𐀽	𐀾	𐀿
o	do	jo	ko	ma	no	po	qo	ro	so	to	wo	zo			
𐀿	𐁀	𐁁	𐁂	𐁃	𐁄	𐁅	𐁆	𐁇	𐁈	𐁉	𐁊	𐁋	𐁌	𐁍	𐁎
u	du	ju	ku	mu	nu	pu		ru	su	tu					

Linear B Logograms

𐀀	𐀁	𐀂	𐀃	𐀄	𐀅	𐀆	𐀇	𐀈	𐀉	𐀊	𐀋	𐀌	𐀍	𐀎	𐀏
man	worren	deer	horse	mare	stallion	ewe	ram	nanny	billy	sow	boar				
𐀐	𐀑	𐀒	𐀓	𐀔	𐀕	𐀖	𐀗	𐀘	𐀙	𐀚	𐀛	𐀜	𐀝	𐀞	𐀟
cow	bull	wheat	barley	olive oil	spice	cypress	kapo	kanako	oil	wine	arepa				
𐀠	𐀡	𐀢	𐀣	𐀤	𐀥	𐀦	𐀧	𐀨	𐀩	𐀪	𐀫	𐀬	𐀭	𐀮	𐀯
met	bronze	gold	wool	horn	cloth	garment	armor	month	tree	helmet					
𐀰	𐀱	𐀲	𐀳	𐀴	𐀵	𐀶	𐀷	𐀸	𐀹	𐀺	𐀻	𐀼	𐀽	𐀾	𐀿
footstool	bathub	spear	arrow	sword	wheeled	chariot	chariot	chariot	wheel	dart					
					chariot		frame								

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