

CAVE ART

LO: TO LEARN ABOUT CAVE PAINTING AND ITS IMPORTANCE IN ART

Please watch the video below this will give you some background about Cave Art:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjejoT1gFOc>

TASK 1: Please read the information below: Once you have read the information, choose one of the activities to do at home from the activity choices below. No printing required.

Cave paintings are paintings on cave walls and ceilings. Usually these paintings were made in prehistoric times. Most cave paintings date from 10,000 to 20,000 years ago. The oldest are from about 32,000 years ago, but scientists still disagree if this dating is correct.

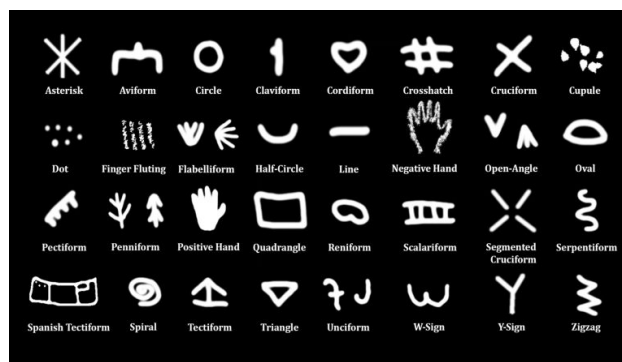
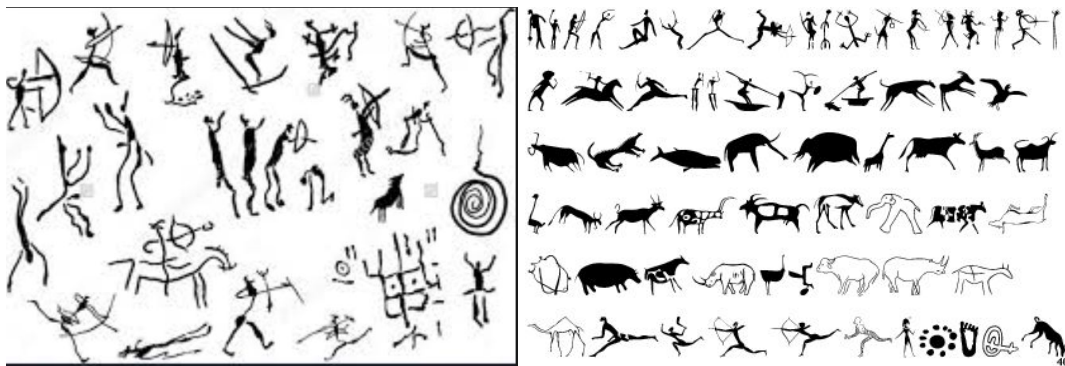
It is not known why these paintings were made. Most people think they may have had a function for rituals. They may also have been a way to transit information; to tell other people about something. Most paintings are in caves that are difficult to access. These caves usually also do not show signs that people lived there all year round.



The paintings are remarkably similar around the world, with animals being common subjects that give the most impressive images. Humans mainly appear as images of hands, mostly **hand stencils** made by blowing pigment on a hand held to the wall.

Most often, animals or hunting scenes were painted. Sometimes hands are there too. Rarely, there are also more abstract patterns.

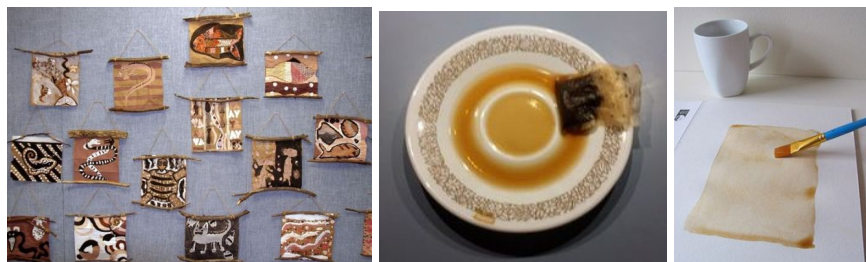
The paintings were drawn with red and yellow ochre, hematite, manganese oxide and charcoal. Sometimes the silhouette of the animal was put into the rock first.



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I have put together some fun activities you could have a go at doing at home that link to Cave Art. If you don't have the resources to make these, don't worry, just choose ONE you think you could do. If you want to do more, then feel free to be creative!

1. **Cave Art Pebble** - find a pebble in your garden or on your walk and paint it in a cave Art Style!
Remember to use the correct colours and symbols! (See your work booklet for examples of Cave Art Symbols).
2. **Cave Art Hanging** - Could you make your own wall hanging using sticks and wood? You can stain the paper with a cold tea bag. Use a piece of string to hang it up.



3. **Hand Identity** - Using a paint brush, spray bottle or OLD toothbrush, lay your hand down onto a piece of paper and flick the paint on, this creates a Positive Handprint, as you are filling in the negative (empty space) around it. If you don't want to get your hand messy, like my image on the right, you can draw round your hand on a bit of paper then cut it out. Once you have cut it out you can lay it down like your hand would be and put the paint / pastels on.



4. **Cave Art scene** - On a piece of paper, create a scene of a day in the life of a cave man/woman. Feel free to use any materials you have at home (pencils, pastels or paints) You could get really creative with this and get your whole family involved to document a life in the day of your tribe!



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You can email me a picture of your work or keep it to show me when we return to school.