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THE GIFT OF WRITING

1. What are hieroglyphics? _____
2. How did hieroglyphics change over time? _____

3. What two alphabets were modeled after Egyptian hieroglyphics? _____
4. What is a scribe? _____
5. Name the tall grasses that the Egyptians used to make paper? _____
6. Think about the process of making papyrus paper. Read the sentences below and number them in order from 1-4.
____ Using a rounded rock, the fibers were beaten until they
 Formed a smooth writing surface.

____ Thin slivers of this material were cut into strips and
 soaked in water.

____ You must slice open the stem of the plant to reach the
 strong fibers.

____ Moist strips were laid atop of one another to create
 sturdy layers of fibers.