

Mayan hieroglyphs stand for syllables, words, numbers, or even whole ideas.

The meaning of the glyphs stumped the experts for over a century. Then, in the late 1950's, two epigraphers—or code breakers—began to see patterns in the language. Slowly the code was cracked.

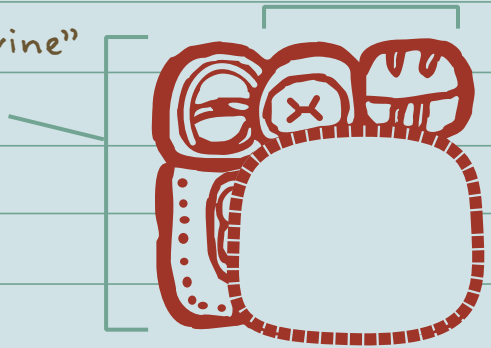
Now we know names and dates of real Mayan people, places and events!

City Glyphs

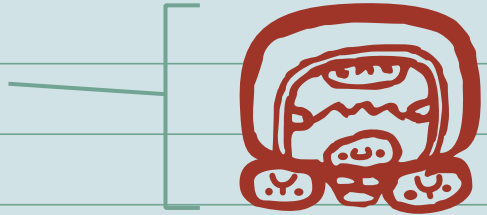
Glyph codebreakers noticed that each Mayan city had its own symbol.

This glyph means "Ruler"

This glyph means "Divine"



This is the glyph for the city of Palenque



Put them together and it means "Divine Ruler of Palenque"

This is a Palenque king's emblem!

