

Hello! I am Lausini, a 7-year-old Etruscan boy. Let's write Etruscan letters!

I just learned how to write! I like to write every chance I have and put my name on my things. I scratched my name at the bottom of my bowl so that my sister does not use it. We Etruscans use a different alphabet (like the Greek alphabet) and we write from right to left. Remember this as you practice writing your name or longer sentences using Etruscan characters.

MATERIALS:

- 1. Writing Instrument
- 2. Blank Sheet of Paper
- 3. Etruscan Alphabet (found below)
- 4. Help from an Adult if Needed

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Look at the Etruscan alphabet shown below. Search for all of the letters in your name and match them with the Etruscan symbols. (The Etruscans had letters for b, d and o, but did not normally use them. In English we do use those letters, and if your name has them, you may use them.)
- 2. You may notice that the alphabet is flipped! This is because Etruscans wrote from right to left. Make sure that you spell your name with the Etruscan symbols from right to left. For example: Lausini's name is spelled as:



4. Try more words or even a sentence. Share this with your friends. You can use it and you can use it to exchange secret messages that nobody else can read....unless they are Etruscans, of course.

Visit the Etruscan gallery!

Let's write with Etruscan letters!

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