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Greetings ancient Mesopotamian scribes! Through many years of grunts and grumbles our civilization has invented the first system of writing: Cuneiform! As scribes, it is your job to use our system of writing to create records for others to read!

Below is our great cuneiform alphabet! Using the characters below, create a sentence that will be written down and then imprinted on clay tablets!

Materials:

* **Clay tablet**
* **Sharpened pencil**
* **Notebook paper**
* **Rolling pin**
* **White Printer Paper**

**PART 1**

Before you begin creating your cuneiform clay tablet, first create a blueprint of your cuneiform message and a sheet of notebook paper. Write the English phrase you plan on engraving above the corresponding cuneiform symbols.

**PART 2**

Then, using your book and guided notes, write a two paragraphs describing what cuneiform is, who wrote it, how it was made, where it comes and why the invention of writing was an important development in human history. Be sure to use complete sentences and proper grammar in your response.