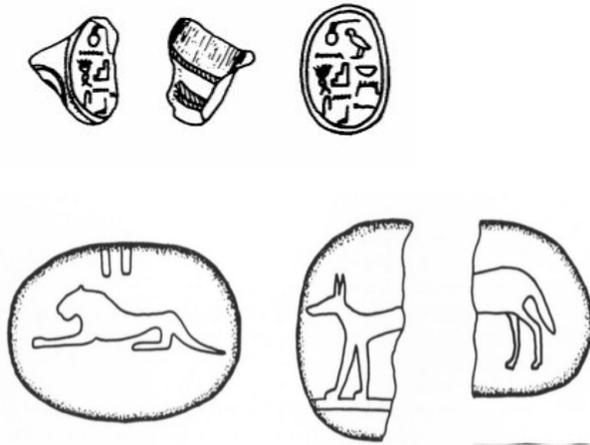


# Seals of Ancient Egypt

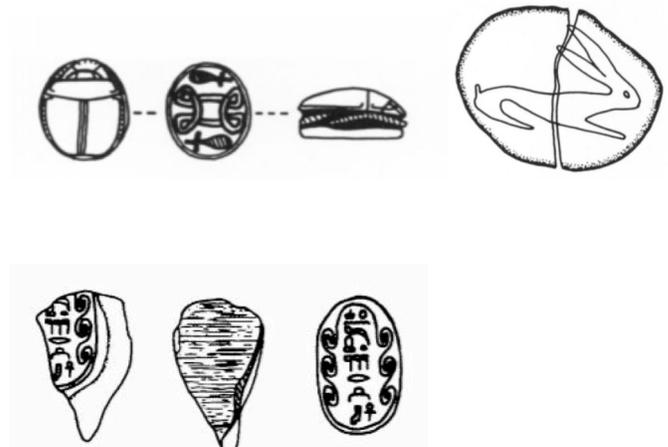


## What are they?

Seals (also known as stamps or scarabs) are made of stone or faience and worked as a signature in the ancient world. They would stamp mud that was attached to documents, doorways, and boxes to indicate who was in charge of that object. By impressing a person's name into the mud with a seal, they were also a form of security. When the mud impression was later broken, it can reveal where the box, document or door was opened.

## What can they tell us?

Finding seals is very exciting for archeologists. Because seals often have the name of a person on them, they can tell us who worked where and sometimes what they were doing. Also, because seals were used as for administration they can tell us about business, the power of the pharaoh, and how the government functioned.



## What would your seal look like?

