The History of Written Words

Written Languages

* Cuneiform
* Hieroglyphics
* Hebrew
* Sanskrit
* Mayan
* Chinese Calligraphy
* Arabic

Tools & Materials

**Tablets & Paper**

* Clay tablets
* Papyrus paper
* Chinese paper

**Papermaking Terms:**

* **Couching:** (pronounced cooching) Transferring the sheet of paper from the frame to an absorbent material.
* **Deckle:** A frame that holds the pulp in place and determines the size of the paper.
* **Fibrous:** Made of fibers; a fiber is one of the thin, (generally microscopic) strand which comprise plant tissue.
* **Pulp:** Fibrous material prepared from wood or recovered waste paper for use in manufacturing paper.
* **Recycle:** Reuse of a material.
* **Slurry:** A liquid mixture made up of fibers and fillers used in papermaking.

**Inks**

* What materials were used to make ink?
* How was ink made?

**Writing Tools**

* What materials were used to write with?
* How were they used?

**Printing Process**

* Wood Block Printing
* Printing Press

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