



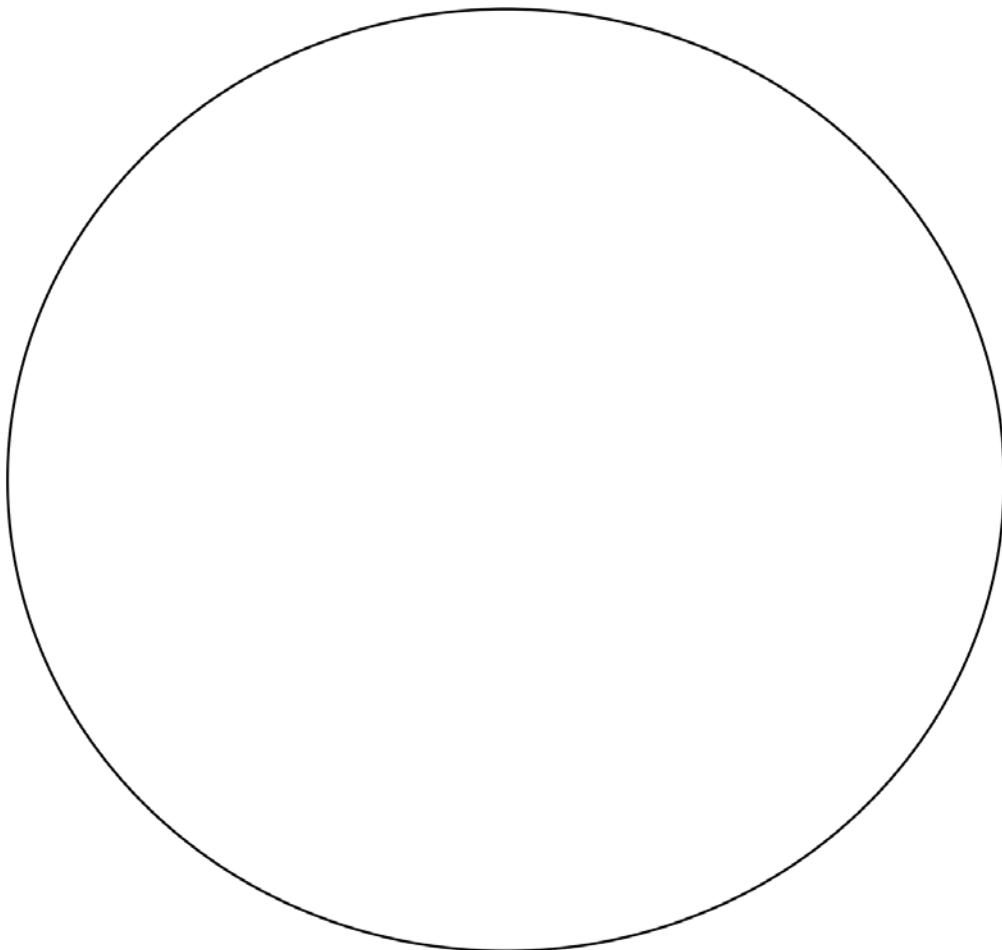
MAKE YOUR OWN SEAL!

Ancient kings of the Ancient Near East used seals to leave their mark on important documents or goods. For this reason, the seal bore the king's name, often the queen's name as well, and the name of their protective deity.

These objects, usually round or cylindrical in shape, also had a magical protective function: whatever was stamped with them, the seal owners, and those who would receive the sealed object would be protected from all harm.

How did they create these seals? Around the border there was a phrase written in Hittite cuneiform, usually with the name of the king, queen, and favorite deity, while in the center the king's name was written in Luwian hieroglyphs.

Use the tables with cuneiform and hieroglyphs that you'll find below and create your own personal seal!



HITTITE CUNEIFORM - CV SIGNS (CONSONANT+VOWEL)

VC SIGNS (VOWEL+CONSONANT)

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LUWIAN HIEROGLYPHS