

I created two tablets for my project. One of them is in Babylonian and one of them is in Myan. To get the materials to create my project, I first went to a local park and took three large rocks out. Then I went to Walmart and got a crayon and a color pencil, both in white. I ended up using a white out, sharpie marker though to embolden the lines.

The hard part about this project wasn't actually creating it, but researching it. Of course, I know how to write numbers in Babylonian and Mayan, but, I do not know how to write in those languages. I wanted to try and make this as accurate as I could so I spent hours researching how to write in Mayan Babylonian. I got somewhere with a Mayan translations because in the end, I understood how they worked, but for the Babylonian one, that was a different story. The Babylonian language is mostly unknown, so it was very hard to try and write out anything with it. The only thing most people know is the symbols for gods, and there is no English translation for simple words. so obviously this is a challenge so I went with the best results and got an interesting symbol for the word Shepherd.

As for writing in Mayan, it was relatively simple. Their language is based on syllables and they have three spots for those syllables. One spot on the left and two spots on the right right next to the one on the left to put symbols in. Something odd about the language is that it doesn't contain

some letters like D, Y, or G so it must be substituted out with another one adjacent to a vowel when written out today. It was very fun learning the language though. I'm sure I'm not 100% accurate in my translation, but it was still an interesting thing to try and learn.

As for the actual displays, for the first tablet involving my political science major I had imaginary Babylonian village voting on who would be the best shepherd. They had decisions to Shepherd 1, and Shepherd 2. Shepherd one loses by a lot with only 13 votes, and Shepherd two wins with 31. The two symbols on top represent a shepherd. The left one is what I believe. Shepherd translates to in Babylonian the right one a symbol for a shepherd in general.

On the second one I used my minor in business to convey a business deal between two theoretical Mayan cities. I did my best to translate copper: 29 on the right, Iron: 73 on the left, and Gold: 6 on the bottom. On the bottom, you can see an instance of me having to substitute the letter D with a vowel on gold.

This was a fun and interesting project to research. Especially the part where I attempted to learn how to write in Mayan and connecting that back to our studies and math.