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How to Write Your Name In Mayan Glyphs

STEP 1

Spell your name in syllables using phonetic spelling.

example:

 $\begin{array}{ll} Martin & Hansen \\ Ma-r-ti-n & Ha-n-se-n \end{array}$

STEP 2

Find the corresponding Mayan Glyph set for each syllable of your name. Not that the vowels should be selected using the following pronunciation.

A is like the a in all E is like the e in grey I is like the ee in see O is like the o in no U is like the oo in moon.

Also, keep in mind that the consonant written as "X" is actually pronounced "SH". Unfortunately, not all names can be easily "Mayanized". English has consonants that don't exist in Maya, and vice versa. If you have a D, F, G, J, R, or V in your name, you may have to substitute another sound (Malia for Maria, say). You'll have to decide which combination of syllables is best for you.

example:



When determining what vowel follows a lone consenant; Mayan writing shows that it is the same as the vowel it follows.

example:

ma - la te - ne

STEP 3

Choose the combination of syllable symbols you like best and construct a glyph block.



Use the selected glyphs to form a glyph block. Glyph blocks are constructed using a simple rule; they are read left to right and top to bottom. They can overlap and you can be creative in your formation so long as they can be read using that rule.

Examples of syllable order within glyph blocks

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Step 4

Women's names were always preceded by the Moon Goddess head form of the syllable "na". This is usually translated as "Lady" or "she". The male equivalent of this was "ah", but it is not necessary that a man's name identify his gender. Both "ah" and "na" are found in titles. A Maya ruler might have a list of such titles after his name, some with "ah" (for example, "ah k'al bak" - "he who has twenty captives") and some without (e.g. "bakab" - "the upright one"). Here again men and women differed; a woman's titles were always preceded by "na" (a woman would be "na bakab", never just "bakab").





Some Ways of Writing NA

Some Ways of Writing AH

Step 5

