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Members' lecture The origins of writing - SOLD OUT

Monday 14 January 2019,

18.30–20.00

BP Lecture Theatre

Tickets £15

Members £15

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Writing is among history's greatest inventions, perhaps the greatest since it made history possible. Without writing – there would be no permanent recording, no Rosetta Stone and no British Museum as we know it. Yet its origins are puzzling. Was it invented once and transmitted around the world, or independently in places such as Mesopotamia, China and even Easter Island? What inspired it: accountancy, statecraft, religion? Why are some ancient writing systems simple in appearance, and others bewilderingly complex?

Join us for this exclusive Members' lecture with Andrew Robinson, author of *The Story of Writing: Alphabets, Hieroglyphs and Pictograms* and *Writing and Script: A Very Short Introduction*.

This lecture includes a complimentary drink and will be followed by a book signing after the talk.

Age: 16+



Easter Island gorget inscribed in Rongorongo script