

T1D3 Option A: Mayan Stela (Due End of Ch. 2 ~T1D9 for 50 pts)

The Maya glyphs are one of **5 original writing systems** that were invented by ancient civilizations. Today, we find Maya Glyphs on **stelas** (see right), which are huge stone slabs / towers (like an obelisk) with Maya glyphs on it. Each told a story. They were placed where the people could see them. It took time and effort to carve a story in rock, so only really important stories were told on a stela. Some historians refer to these ancient stone structures as stone trees.



Stelas have told archaeologists a great deal about the ancient Maya, and the glyphs on them have taught us more about the Maya people. Would you like to learn more about Maya glyphs? How about create your own stela? Check out the following links to learn a bit more about the Maya glyph system:

- Watch this to learn about **how to write in Mayan!** <https://youtu.be/8T-Hjke2pis>
- [How to write your name in Maya Glyphs](#); This article, (I recommend starting with page 32, if you are short on time), is one of the best and easiest ways to learn how to write your name (explains in more detail what I describe in the video) <http://www.famsi.org/research/pitts/MayaGlyphsBook1Sect1.pdf>
- [Maya Syllabary](#): Use this to see all of the vowel and consonant syllable combinations (also found in the article above). <http://www.mayavase.com/coesyl/coesyl.html>
- [Glyph Placement Chart](#): Use this chart to see possible ways to place all the glyphs of your name (again, also in the top article). http://s25.postimg.cc/fypmzw43z/Glyph_placement_Examples.png
- [Consonant Substitution List](#): Check out this list for potential replacements for English consonants that are **not** found in ancient Maya (also taken from the top article). http://s25.postimg.cc/6crh5unkf/Consonant_Substitutions.png

Requirements as part of your assignment:

- Clarify what the stela says in English (EX: "My name is Jimbob")
- Show the Maya syllables you used for the glyphs, and explain. *Example: (My name is) chi-m(i)-bo-b(o); "I substituted 'ch' for 'j', since there is no 'j' sound in Maya," and the second i and second o are silent vowels, etc.*
- Show your name on the stela, with clarifications explaining why you chose the glyphs that you used.
- Include your birthdate in Maya numbers at the bottom, below your (my name is) (your name).
- Have fun!
- If you want to do another stela and turn them in (for yourself, or a family member) I'll give **extra credit** for that too!

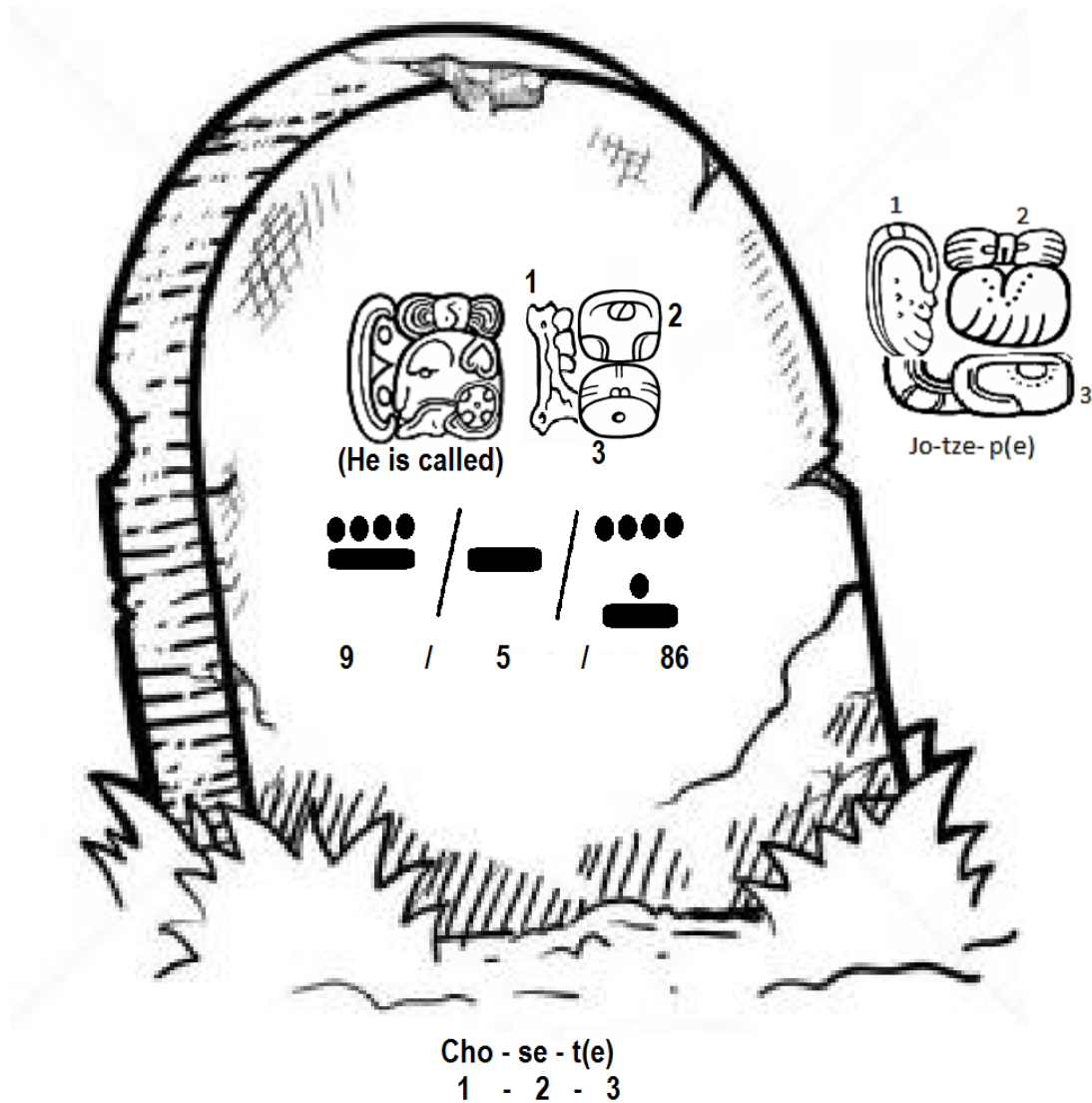
As you do this, don't forget the steps:

- **Step 1:** Break your name up into syllables (e.g. BILBO = BI – L(I) – BO)
- **Step 2:** Find your syllables in the Syllabary Chart (see the syllabary list [here](#), or with pictures/glyphs [here](#) or [here](#)), and convert your English syllables to Mayan syllables if necessary (click here for [consonant substitution suggestions](#)).
- **Step 3:** Place your glyphs in the [Glyph Box / Guide](#). If that guide doesn't work, look at these suggestions for glyph placement [here](#).
- **Step 4:** Add an **intro glyph** (Example: "My name is" /"I am known as"), examples seen [here](#) or [here](#).
- **Step 5:** Add your birthday in Mayan numbers (see link [here](#) for more info, or check out a Maya numbers game [here](#))
- **Step 6:** Label and explain all the glyphs on your stela (see example below)
- **Step 7:** If you liked it, repeat and do your name in a different way, or make another stela for someone else for **Extra Credit!**
- **Step 8:** Be ready to share your stela in class on Monday! You WILL lose points if you are not ready...

Tips to get a great grade on this assignment:

- Fulfill ALL of the requirements correctly.
- Use proper grammar, conventions, etc.
- Make sure that your assignment is neat, clear, and appealing.
- Get creative! Make the assignment yours!

Below is an example of my own stela, and basically what I am expecting you to do (for yourself / own name):



Explanation: (Joseph); The J in Maya sounds like an H, so I used 'CH' instead. Also, there is no 'ph' or 'f' sound in Maya, so I used 't' instead. Also, see the alternative name glyph I could have used, "jo-tze-p(e)".

Make sure to **follow all instructions for grading**. You will be presenting your glyph, so be ready to show it off, and answer any questions. Also, do not forget to **source your info** (put on the backside, or on a separate paper). Stela can be larger than 8.5 x 11, but it doesn't need to be. Good luck!