Hieroglyphs and Ancient Egyptian Writing
Hieroglyphics are an original form of writing out of which all other forms have evolved.

Information Theory Unit

Writing, once established, enables other forms of information to be recorded, not just accounting. It creates a feedback loop for the growth of information in society.

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General description: Book of the Dead
A 14 meter long papyrus found in the tomb of the royal architect Kha.

Script: cursive hieroglyphs

Epoch: New Kingdom (1539-1077 BC)
Dynasty: Dynasty 18 (1539-1292 BC)
Pharaoh: Amenophis III/Amenhotep III (Nebmaatre)

Provenance: Deir el-Medina / Tomba di Kha (TT8)
Excavation: Schiaparelli, Ernesto
Excavation Date: 1906

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General description: Administrative papyrus
"a register of the collection of grain for the Necropolis from royal domains. The viceroy of Kush named Panehesy ordered Djehutymes to transcribe this account. The grain is collected from various temple estates in Upper Egypt (including temples in Thebes, Gebelein and Esna) and then shipped to Western Thebes. This document is a detailed account of amounts of grain received from individual priests, administrators, herdsmen, fishermen and cultivators including many of foreign descent. The grain is then handed over to the mayor of Western Thebes, the chantress of Amun and a scribe where it is stored in the granary of the temple of Ramesses III."

Epoch: New Kingdom (1539-1077 BC)
Dynasty: Dynasty 20 (1190-1077 BC)
Pharaoh: Ramesses XI (Menmaatre Setepenptah)

Provenance: Thebes/Deir el-Medina (?)
Acquisition: Drovetti, Bernardino
Acquisition Date: 1824

Script: hieroglyphs
Place name: Thebes (niw.t)

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