

Attic Inscriptions: Education

KS 1/2 Colouring Activity

Greece

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Ancient Athens and Its Colours

- For this activity we travel back to the city of ancient Athens 2400 years ago.



Pericles addressing the Pnyx: a modern painting. The acropolis, with the Parthenon and Propylaia are visible in the background.

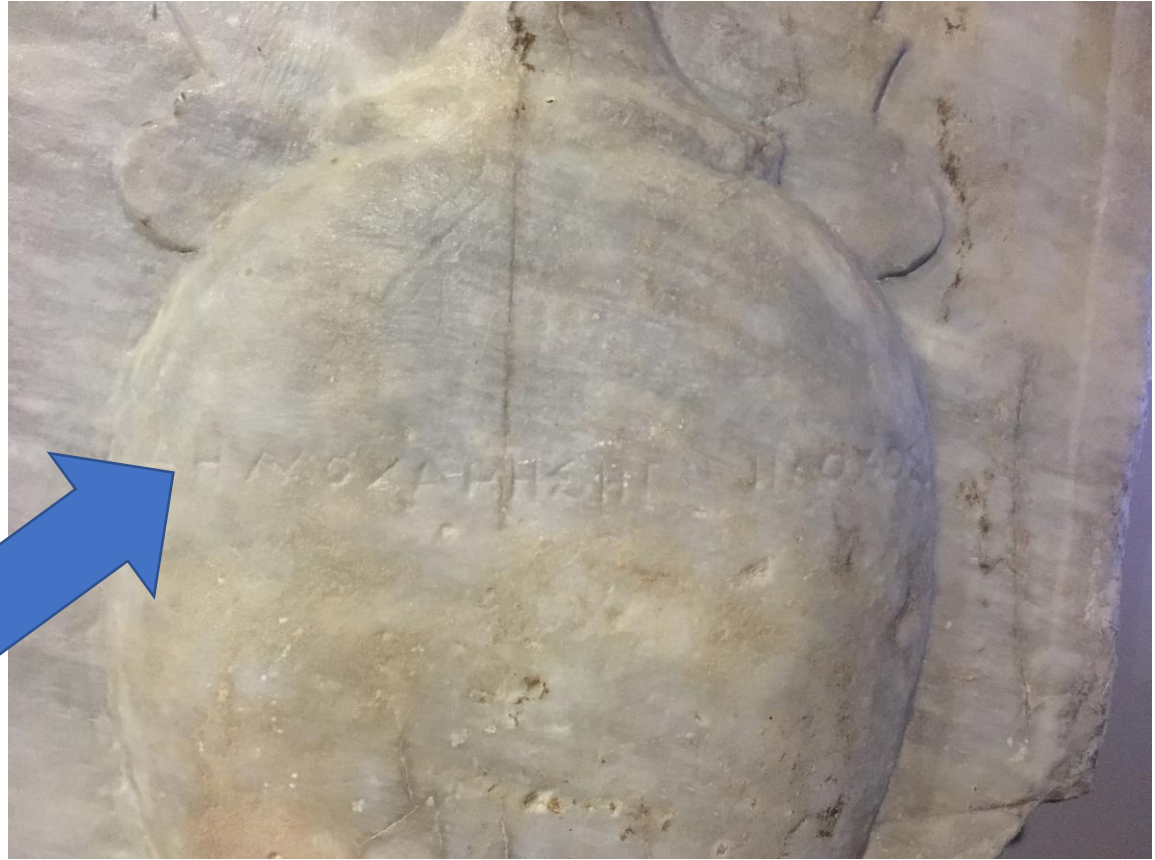
A grave marker from ancient Athens now in Leeds City Museum.

It dates to about 400 BC, so is more than 2400 years old.

It depicts a water-jar.

At its top are carved decorations: what do they remind you of?





The names of the people it commemorated were:
Demochares and
Hegelochos.

A grave marker for two other people: Paramythion and Pheidiades.

Now in Munich, Germany.



Using different photographic methods archaeologists have restored its original colours.



Here are some different colour schemes.

No one is precisely certain how it originally looked.



Our inscription in Leeds may have originally shown two people, one sitting down, shaking hands.

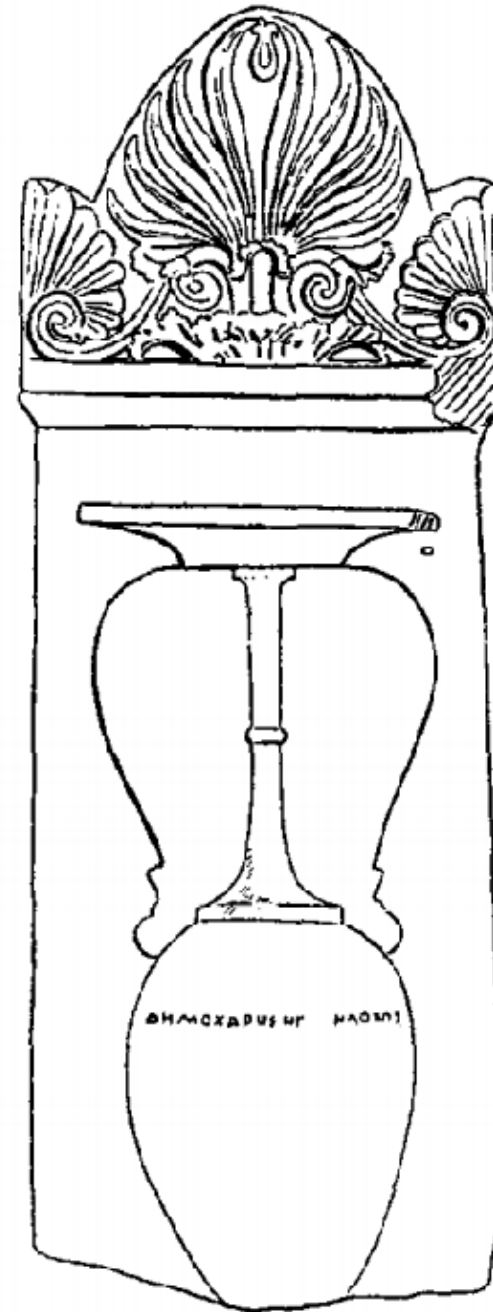
It may have looked something like this.



Have a go at
decorating the
Leeds inscription!

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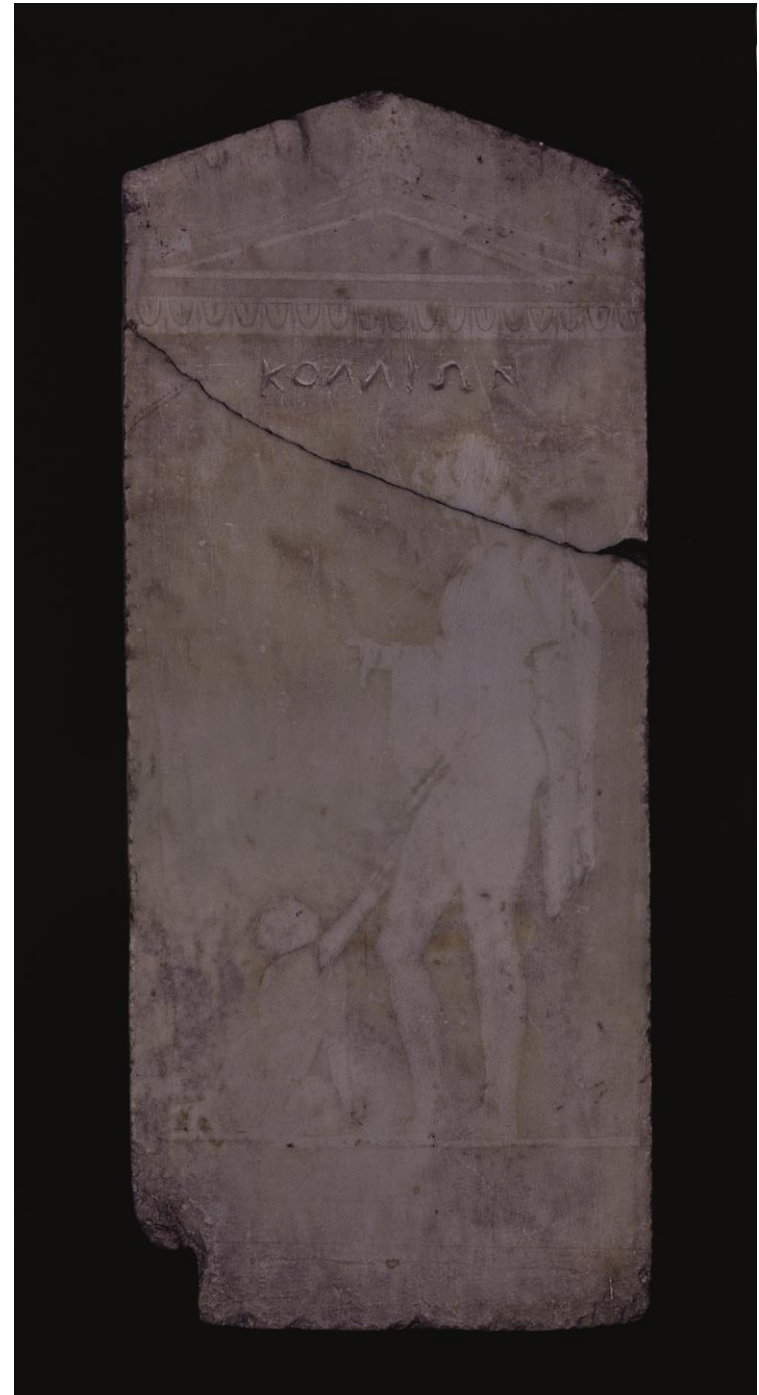
Demochares Hg -----elochos



This is another ancient Athenian grave marker.

It bears the name 'Kollion' and part of another name, 'Ermo'

The painting of a baby reaching up to a man has faded over the past 2400 years.



Have a go at
restoring the colour!

ΚΟΛΛΙΩΝ (=Kollion)
ΕΡΜΟ (=Ermo)

