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## Cracking the Code: The Mystery of Hieroglyphics

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. As an archaeologist in ancient Egypt, discovering the Rosetta Stone would have been incredibly exciting. It would have been a breakthrough moment, as we would realize that it contained the same text in multiple scripts, offering the key to understanding hieroglyphics. However, the challenge would have been deciphering hieroglyphics, a complex and unknown script at the time.
2. Champollion's work had a profound impact on our ability to study ancient Egypt. His decipherment of hieroglyphics opened up a wealth of historical and cultural knowledge. It allowed us to read inscriptions, understand historical events, and gain insights into ancient Egyptian society, religion, and art.
3. The decipherment of hieroglyphics revolutionized Egyptology and our knowledge of ancient civilizations. It unlocked the doors to ancient Egyptian history and culture, enabling us to reconstruct their stories, beliefs, and daily life. It also set a precedent for the study of other ancient scripts and languages.
4. (Example) Hieroglyphic Message: Owl + Sun

Explanation: In this message, the owl represents the sound "M" in hieroglyphics, and the sun represents the word "Ra," the ancient Egyptian sun god. So, the message represents the word "Ma'at," which is the ancient Egyptian concept of balance, order, and truth.

