China: Write a secret inscription

Who will you honour?

Some ritual bronzes have inscriptions or messages engraved onto the inside surface.

The inscriptions sometimes describe why the vessel was made, who it was to honour and their achievements; including descriptions of successful battles and the rewards the ancestor received, such as property or lands.

These vessels were highly prized and kept in temples so future generations would hear of heroic deeds within the family or clan.

Challenge:

Think about someone who means a lot to you, a friend, a family member or a favourite teacher

Could you write some words, or a short description of them, why do you admire them?

Could you write a short poem to explain why they are important to you? Have they done something important or heroic!

Could you copy that into the inside of the model you have made?

Write a list of words that describe what the person does, how they make you feel and their attributes

You will need:

Pens, pencils, inspiration! Good luck, share any of your designs and writing with us on social media. Tag @comptonverney on Facebook, @ComptonVerney on Twitter or @compton_verney on Instagram, or use #DigitalComptonVerney.

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