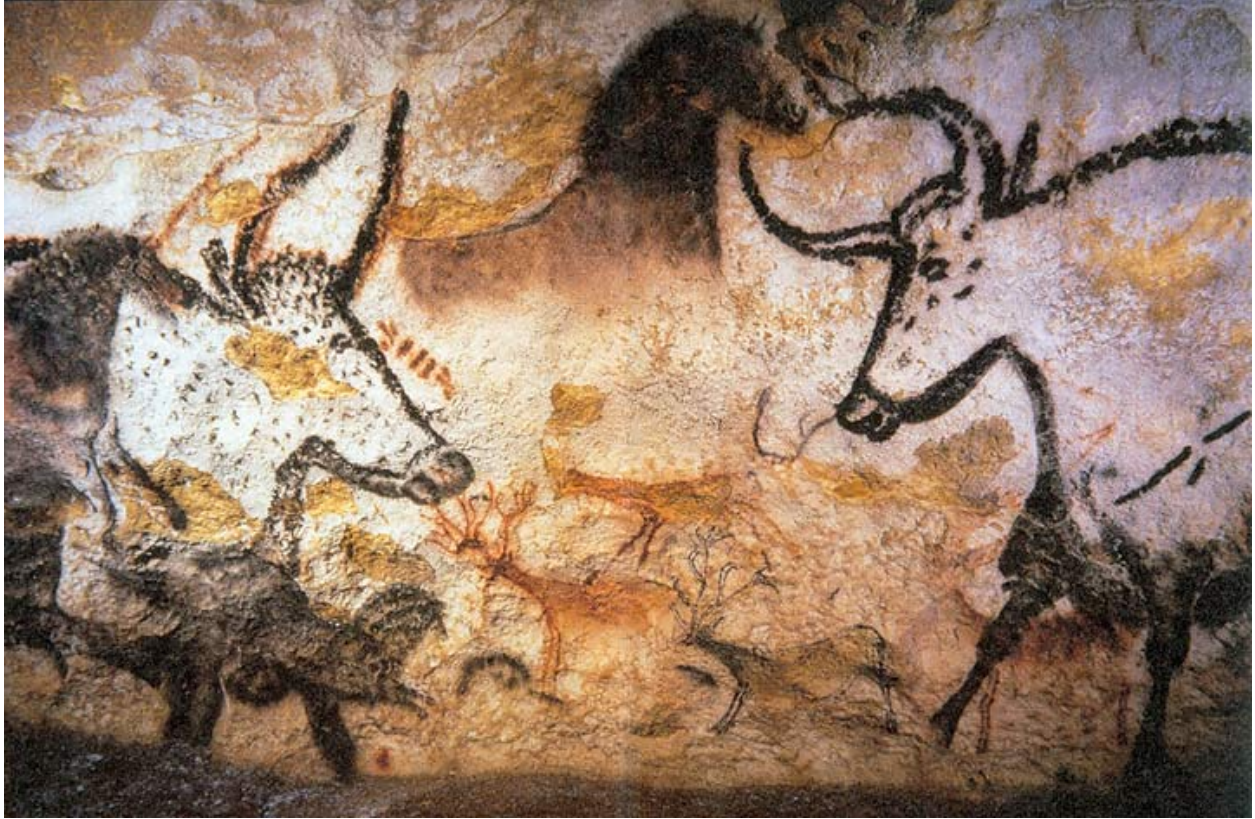


Cave Painting



[Cave paintings from Lascaux caves](#) (Montignac, Dordogne, France)

Some of the earliest examples of art include cave paintings found all over the world. Going as far back in time as tens of thousands of years, the paintings often show animals and humans in connection with the natural environment. These images give us a glimpse of the mind of the maker, communicating natural and possibly spiritual messages through symbolic drawings.

Making art is a very human cultural experience, and our expression of art has been a constant practice right from the start.



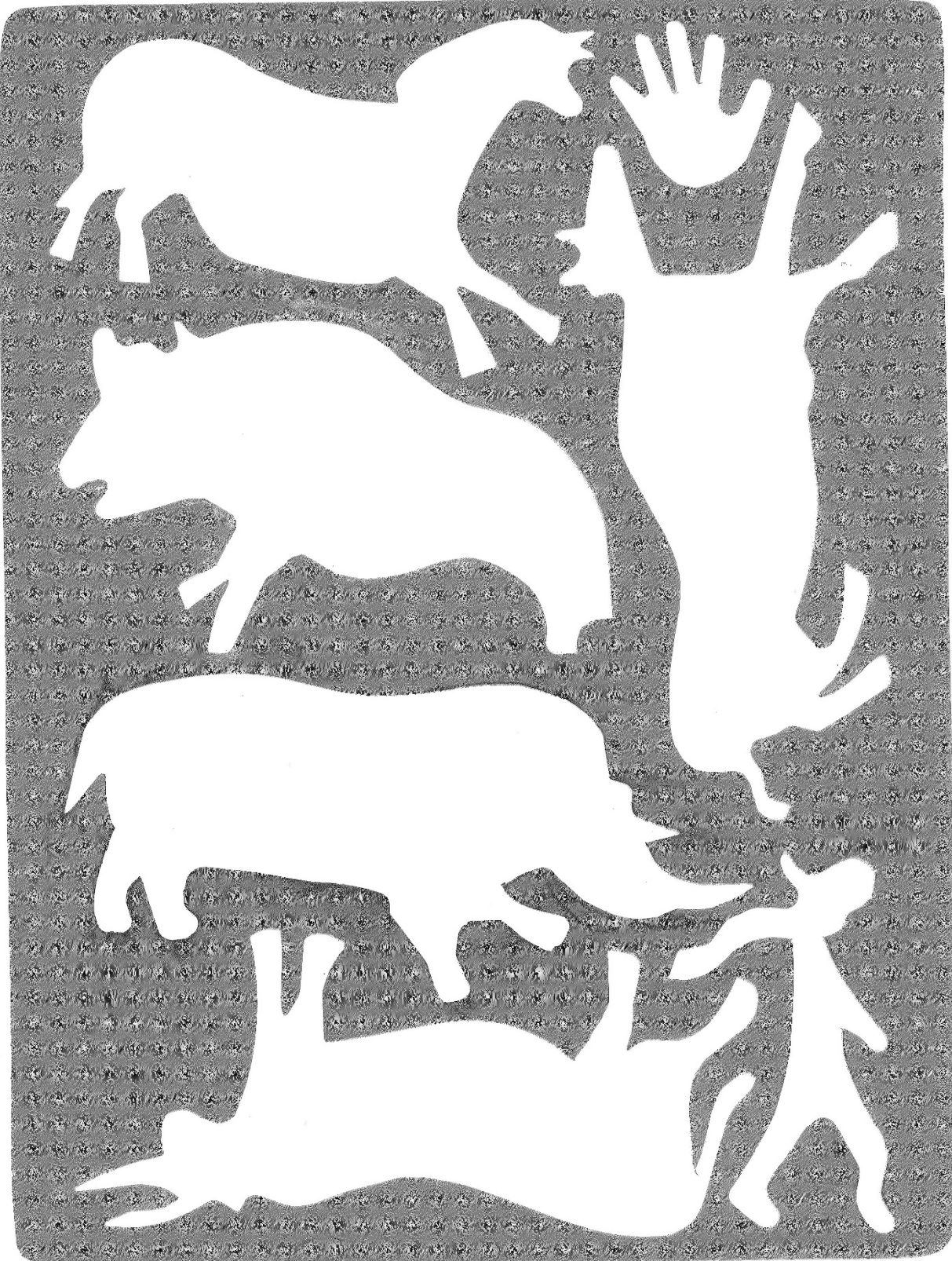
[Neolithic cave paintings](#) found in Tassil-n-Ajjer (Plateau of the Chasms) region of the Sahara

Be inspired by cave paintings and make your own cave art! See below for examples of cave art from the Maxwell Museum Ancestors exhibit and click [here](#) for a video tutorial for making your own cave painting.



Cave painting reproductions, Maxwell Museum – Salon Noir, Niaux, France

Draw your own forms or use these traditional forms for inspiration.



Resources:

Cave painting online exhibit – Google Arts and Culture

<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/chauvet-cave>

Cave painting lesson plan from the National Endowment for the Humanities

<https://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plans/cave-art-discovering-prehistoric-humans-through-pictures>

UNESCO page on cave art around the world

<https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/?search=cave+art&order=country>

Lascaux guided tour – French Ministry of Culture

<https://archeologie.culture.fr/lascaux/fr#/en/00.xml/index.html>

Cave Art 101 – National Geographic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjejoT1gFOc>

Lascaux Cave Paintings – Project #113 – United Art and Education

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1HC3UeBAng>

Lessons on Lascaux – Dick Blick

<https://www.dickblick.com/lesson-plans/lessons-on-lascaux/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0yH0la3NDE>



Lulu inspired by cave art