

Derivatives of Brahmi – Early Middle – Late Brahmi - Indian Scripts Abroad

5.1 Do you know

Description	Image	Source
Brahmi is the mother of all the scripts. It is the only script which has a long history of evolutions beginning from 3 rd CBC to 12 th CAD.		
Sound knowledge of Early Brahmi and its derivative is very essential to decipher and understand early inscriptions.		
To construct early Indian history inscriptions are the primary and very important source.		
Most of the earlier inscriptions found in the South East Asia are very close to Brahmi and its derivatives. They are written in beautiful Sanskrit language.		

5.2 Timeline

Timelines	Image	Description
3 rd CBC to 6 th CAD		Has been classified into three categories – Early Brahmi, Middle Brahmi and late Brahmi.
3 rd CBC to 1 st CAD 2 nd CAD to 4 th CAD 4 th CAD to 6 th CAD		Early Brahmi Middle Brahmi Late Brahmi
3 rd CBC to 1 st CAD 2 nd CAD – 4 th CAD 4 th CAD – 6 th CAD		Dynasties of North India, Maurya, Sunga Kshatrpa. Kushanas Guptas, Vakatakas, Maitrakas and others

5.3 Glossary

Staring Character	Term	Definition	Related Term
A	Brahmi Kharoshti Greek Aramaic	SCRIPT	
B	Prakrit Sanskrit	LANGUAGE	
C	Silathamba	Stone Pillars	
D	Silaphalaka	Stone Slabs	

	Lipikara	Engraver	
	Serifs	Head Mark	

5.4 Bibliography

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