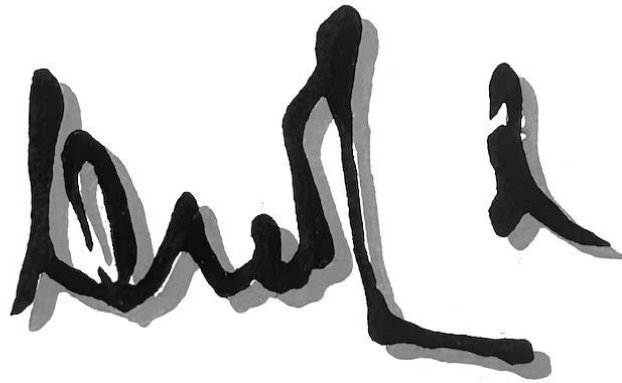




Asemic Writing

Asemic writing is an impression or abstraction of conventional writing. Asemic texts may have no meaning, infinite meanings, or meaning that may evolve over time. Because it retains physical characteristics of writing but is conventionally unreadable, the reader often hovers in a state between reading and looking.

Because of the open nature of asemic works, asemic writing may be read and interpreted in a similar fashion regardless of the reader's native language. But even when a work is deemed devoid of meaning, it can still be appreciated for its formal beauty and power to emote.



How I Found Asemic Writing

My first exposure to asemic writing was when I saw an exhibit of Mirtha Dermisache's work at the Tate Modern in 2019.

She used her unreadable writing in the 1970s as a way of resisting state censorship in Argentina through illegibility. I was captivated by the idea that unreadable characters and words could convey a range of emotions, not dissimilar from written language. But it wasn't until 2023 that I rediscovered Mirtha's work and decided to explore this form of writing.

It's been quite intriguing.

Handwritten text in cursive script, appearing to be a list or series of notes.

Handwritten text in cursive script, possibly a signature or a short note.

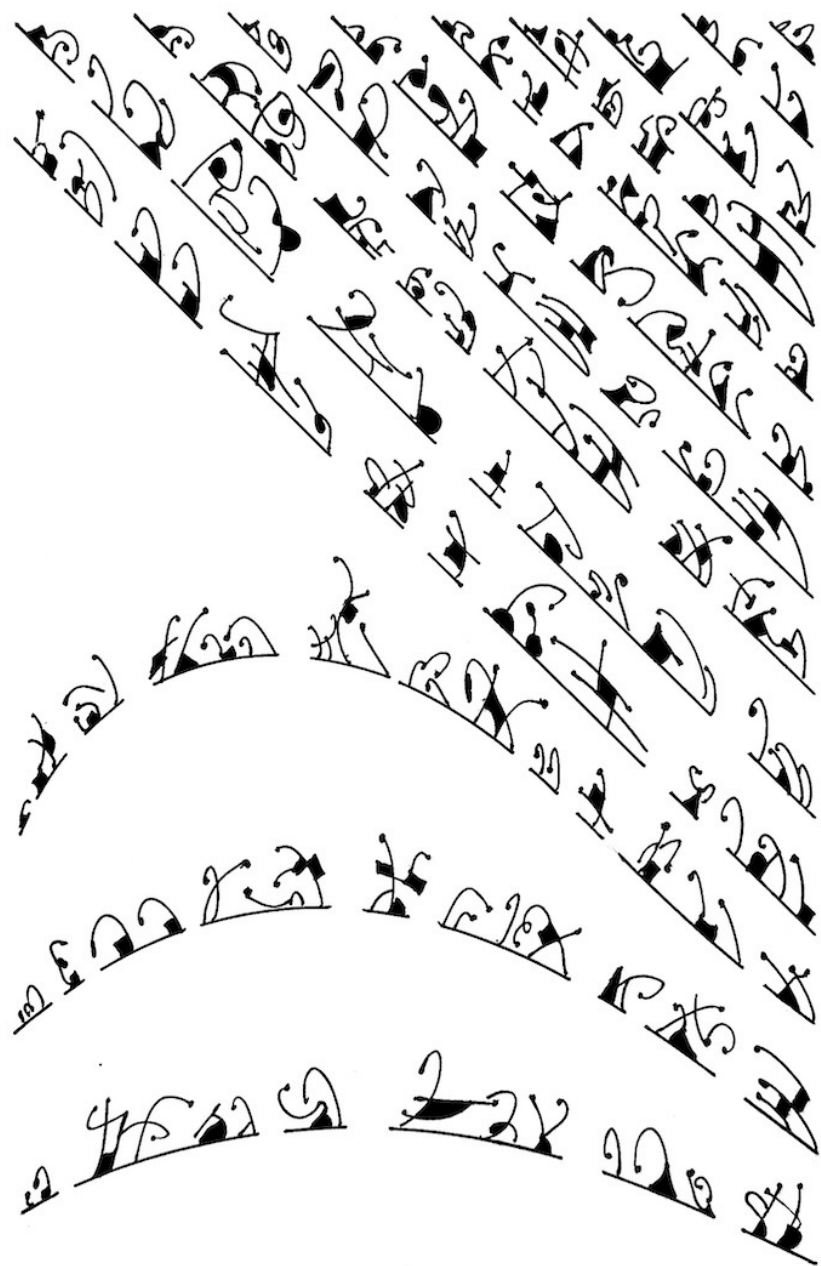
Large block of handwritten text in cursive script, consisting of several lines of dense, flowing handwriting.

Handwritten text in cursive script, appearing to be a signature or a short note.



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Handwritten text in a cursive script, likely a signature or a short note, written on a small rectangular piece of paper.



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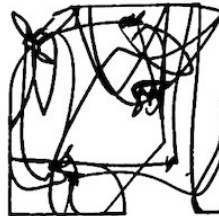
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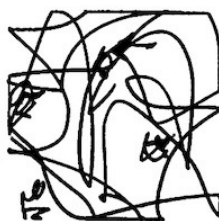
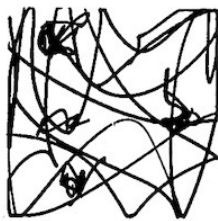
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Handwritten text in a cursive script, consisting of four lines of dense, flowing characters. The script is highly stylized and appears to be a form of shorthand or a specific dialect of a larger script.

This image shows a fragment of an ancient Hebrew manuscript, possibly from the Dead Sea Scrolls. The parchment is heavily damaged, with large irregular holes and tears. The text is written in a cursive script, with some words appearing to be in a different dialect or language than the surrounding text. The fragment is set against a dark background.

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