

Reading German Script

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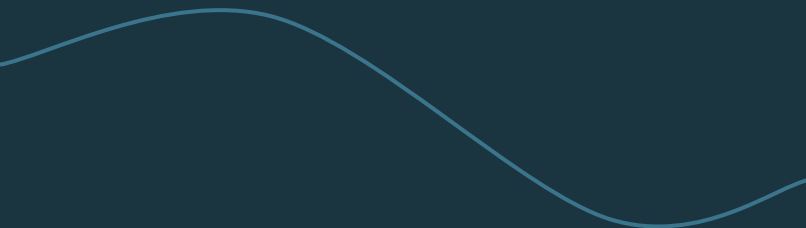
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$$A = \frac{ab + c}{d}$$

Introduction

This presentation is geared to helping you find useful methods, tools and approaches for 'coping' with old German hand writing.

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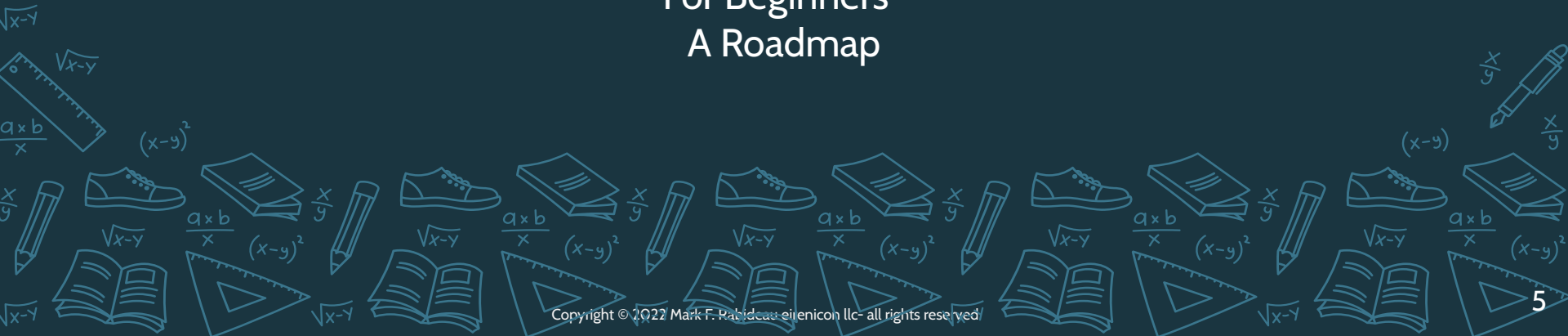
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reader, power walker &
Opa.



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Our 'tiny' Roadmap

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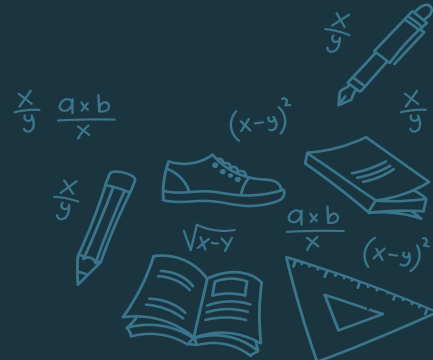


Typeface Links with Examples

If you are unfamiliar with pre-WW2 typefaces, here are some sites with examples:

- [Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About German Typefaces](#)
- [FREE Old German Fonts](#) (for your PC)

Use the fonts to switch between familiar and unfamiliar fonts on your PC to facilitate learning how-to read. You can even use script fonts to aid in learning handwriting.



Using Fonts on Your PC to Learn

English (typed)

Berlin is the capital.

German (typed)

Berlin ist die Hauptstadt

18th Century Kurrent Script

Berlin ist die Hauptstadt

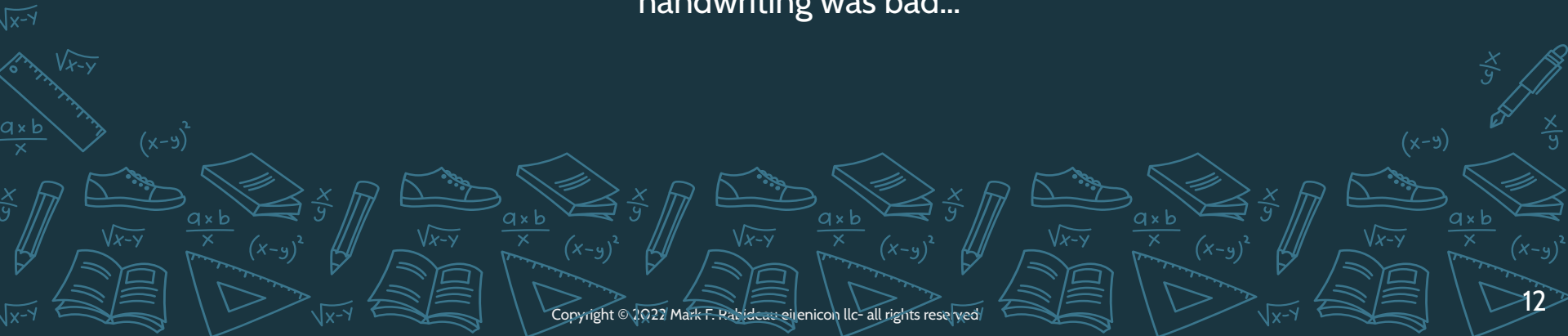
Breitkopf Fraktur

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Handwriting Example: Genealogy Terms

18th Century Kurrent Script (German)

Common Font

marriage - heiraten

birth - geboren

death - tod

father - Vater

mother - Mutter

son - Sohn

daughter - Tochter

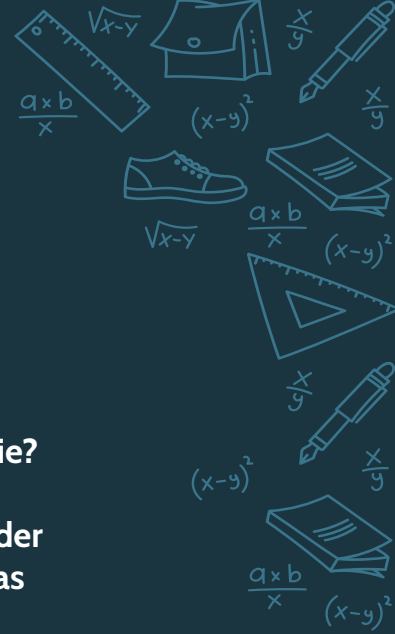


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'Tiny' Workshop-1



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<https://www.britannica.com/topic/genealogy>

Anfang (Deutsch)

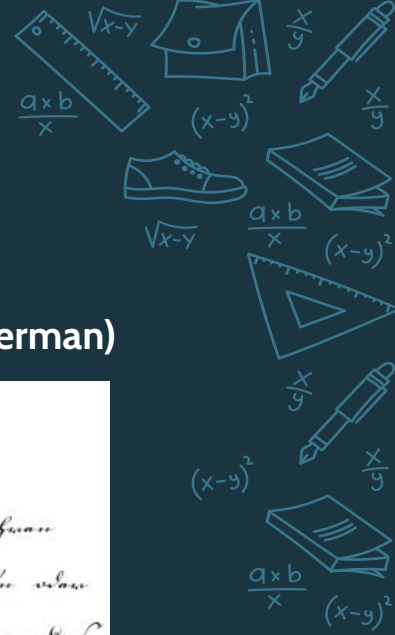
Wie nennt man das Studium der Genealogie?
Genealogen stellen Listen von Vorfahren zusammen, die sie in Stammbaumtafeln oder anderen schriftlichen Formen anordnen. Das Wort Genealogie stammt von zwei griechischen Wörtern ab - eines bedeutet "Rasse" oder "Familie" und das andere "Theorie" oder "Wissenschaft". Daraus leitet sich "Ahnenforschung" ab, die Wissenschaft vom Studium der Familiengeschichte.

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'Tiny' Workshop-2



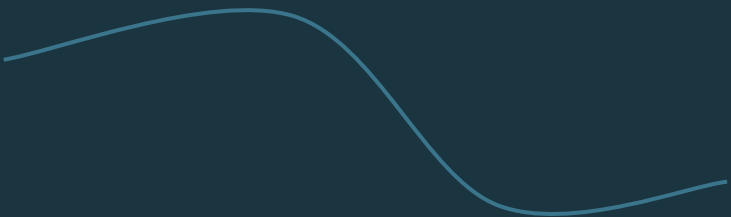
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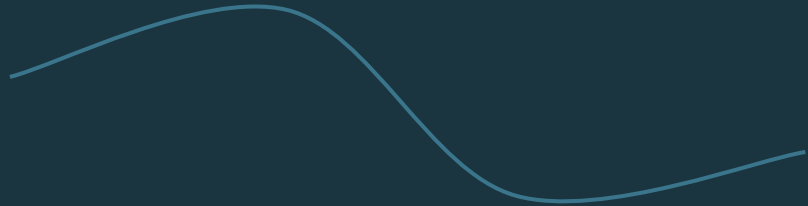
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18th Century Kurrent Script (German)

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Awesome Resources

$$\frac{a}{c} = \frac{HB}{a}$$


Recommendations

Archion.de

- [Introduction to family research](#)
- [Church books](#)
- [Old German script](#)
 - [Alphabet table](#)
 - [Reading exercise 1 \(1561\)](#)
 - [Reading exercise 2 \(1684\)](#)
 - [Reading exercise 3 \(1720\)](#)
 - [Reading exercise 4 \(1831\)](#)

Other Materials

- [FamilySearch- German Handwriting](#)
- [BYU- Intro to German Script \(Tutorial\)](#)
- [German Gothic- Handwriting Guide](#)
- [20 Tips for Deciphering Old German Script](#)
- [German Given Names \(examples\)](#)

[ManyRoads Prussian-German Self-Help](#)

Danke
Schön

Do you have any questions?

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