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It is known that Assos, also known as Behramkale, is one of the most important port cities of the ancient era and possesses an important cultural heritage from the Roman period of the region, including an old theater , cemetery, ancient wall .

Speaking to Anadolu Agency, the head of Assos excavations, Canakkale Onsekiz Mart professor Nurettin Arslan said the writing tool was made of copper with a point at the top and a flat edge at the other end.



According to Arslan, this tool has been used to write, record and calculate on wax surfaces used during that period.

" *The flat part on the back of the stylus has been used for editing ,*" he said, it's similar to today's eraser.

Note that students and merchants at the time used these writing tools, Arslan said that some ancient students might have been able to use it to write on sand or ceramic floors.

He said: "*Better financial students often use it to write on wax tables, to learn how to read and write as well as to practice their writing .*"

"*Merchants and rich people also use these types of tools to calculate money ,*" he added.

According to Arslan, people need to be literate to own this stylus. He said that not only liberals but also some slaves were literate at that time.

Arslan adds: " *Educated slaves can also use these tools to calculate the slave owner or make the most notes in the job .* "

According to Arslan, when people use wax when writing, they need to make their writing tool from a hard material. That's why copper or bone is often used to create pens.

Turkish archaeologist said each stage has its own stylus design, but copper is more commonly used because it is hard and hard to break.

Arslan also said excavations in Assos discovered a piece from a 2,500-year-old vase, imported from Athens, as well as a 2,000-year-old piece of pottery.

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