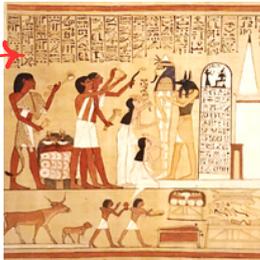


Book of the Dead



Once mummified, the pharaoh sank down to the underworld, where they began a long and dangerous journey to the Field of Reeds.

Egyptologists have discovered 192 different spells.



The Book of the Dead was placed in the burial chamber to help the dead person journey through the underworld.



The Book of the Dead is not actually a book at all - it's a papyrus scroll!

It includes pictures and spells to help the dead person journey through the underworld.



Spells normally began with 'To...' and among them were ones to transform the deceased into a hippopotamus, to remember their name, to walk on fire, to escape from a giant net and to not drink wee or eat poo!



Some real spells from the Book of the Dead

To bring the shabthi to life as a servant

To prevent your head being chopped off

To prevent snake bites

To not eat poo or drink wee in the afterlife

To prevent being attacked by crocodiles

To remember your name

To give the power to drink water

To prevent from being burnt

To transform into a hippopotamus

To remove foolish speech from the mouth

To use the ferry boats in the underworld

The Weighing of the Heart judgement ritual

To cross a lake of fire guarded by four baboons

To build a mansion on earth

To escape from a giant net trap