Task #9 – Convincing Osiris

Standards:

Write and speak persuasively to a specific audience.

Integrate information from two or more texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably (4.RIT.9)

Task:

1. Watch a short introduction to the Book of the Dead at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0I-3TxjNVgk and develop a class list of facts about it.

2. Examine several photos of the Weighing of the Heart ceremony. Use books and other resources to identify the gods in the picture. Using this knowledge, make educated guesses as to what is going on in the photo.

3. Read *Egyptian Gods and Goddesses* by Henry Barker, noting with Post-Its important details, names, and ideas.

4. Finally, read this excerpt from the Book of the Dead, drawing upon your knowledge from the previous media to construct meaning. Use Post-Its to rephrase every 3-5 sentences.

Thoth, the righteous judge of the great company of the gods who are in the presence of the god Osiris, saith: "Hear ye this judgment. The heart of Osiris hath in very truth been weighed, and his soul hath stood as a witness for him; it hath been found true by trial in the Great Balance. There hath not been found any wickedness in him; he hath not wasted the offerings in the temples; he hath not done harm by his deeds; and he uttered no evil reports while he was upon earth."

The great company of the gods reply to Thoth dwelling in Khemennu: "That which cometh forth from thy mouth hath been ordained. Osiris, the scribe Ani, triumphant, is holy and righteous. He hath not sinned, neither hath he done evil against us. Let it not be given to the devourer Amemnet to prevail over him. Meat-offerings and entrance into the presence of the god Osiris shall be granted unto him, together with a homestead for ever in Sekhet-hetepu, as unto the followers of Horus."
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Summative

5. Respond to the writing prompt:

- You are the god Anubis escorting an ancient Egyptian’s soul to the afterlife. What do you tell Osiris so the soul can enjoy a happy afterlife in the Field of Reeds and avoid getting eaten by the Devourer?

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