**The Book of the Dead**

A Handy Guide to help your spirit in the afterlife.

The world’s oldest collection of religious texts are the hundreds of spells written inside some of Egypt’s smaller pyramids.

The spells included spells to protect the mummified body. The spells or ‘coffin texts’ gave advice to the dead: such as ‘how to not die a second time’, ‘how not to rot’ and ‘how to avoid working’ in the land of the dead.

They also had maps showing routes to the next world. Eventually these spells were written on rolls of papyrus and they are known as ‘The Book of the Dead’.

The information from History Revealed shows how the afterlife was fraught with dangers from many sources. Use the information to create a snakes and ladders game to show what terrors could await and ancient Egyptian soul and how they prepared to defeat the terrifying creatures waiting for them in the land of the dead.

**Snakes and Ladders Homework Instructions:**

1. Use your knowledge and work completed in class to create a snakes and ladders board game. You must draw on at least three snakes and three ladders
* Remember to write on the snakes head something bad that would stop the ancient Egyptian from getting to paradise with the Gods.
* Remember to write at the bottom of the ladders something good that would help the ancient Egyptian to get to paradise.

If you would like to decorate your boards maybe include some pictures of ancient hieroglyphics or artefacts?

We will play the board games in class towards the end of term.

The Book of the Dead Snakes and Ladders Game:

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| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Fields of Reeds |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 |
| Oooops you are an Ancient Egyptian and you have just died. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |