Ancient Egyptian ‘Weighing of the Heart Ceremony’
Hey kids, do you know what the Ancient Egyptians believed happened after you died?
Well they believed that you would be tested to see whether you were worthy to enter the afterlife in something called the Weighing of the Heart Ceremony.

They believed that once you have died, the god Anubis would guide you into the ceremony and weigh your heart against a feather which represented Ma’at, the goddess of truth and justice.

The Initiate, which is what they called the one who died, would normally be depicted carrying a white scarab beetle in their hand this is because in Ancient Egypt scarab beetles were seen as a symbol of the idea of rebirth or regeneration and of the heavenly cycle.

Anubis would weigh your heart against a feather which represented Ma’at, the goddess of truth and justice.
If your heart was heavier than the feather, the Ammit, the devourer of souls would eat your heart and you wouldn’t be able to enter the afterlife, however if your soul was lighter than the feather, then you would ascend to the afterlife, towards Osiris and immortality.

Isis the wife of Osiris and goddess of health, marriage, and wisdom is also present at the ceremony; she chants the mantra ‘Tua Ra’ which is kept going until the initiate has entered the afterlife or has failed to.

- Osiris is the god of the afterlife, death, life and resurrection.
- Osiris is usually represented by green skin as it symbolizes re-birth.
- Horus is usually depicted as a falcon-headed man, the Ancient Egyptians believed that the Pharaoh was the living incarnation of Horus, and that he was the son of Osiris and Isis.
- Thoth, the god of knowledge is depicted as having the head of an Ibis.
- Anubis is the god of embalming and the dead.

Thoth the god of knowledge watches over the ceremony.
Horus god of the sky leads the initiate, to meet Osiris and enter immortality.
See how many questions you can answer and put your new knowledge to the test.

**QUESTIONS: TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!!**

**Question 1 of 10**

**Who did the Ancient Egyptians believe to be the god of the afterlife?**

- A. Anubis
- B. Horus
- C. Osiris **(Correct Answer)**
- D. Isis

These are some hieroglyphs just like the Ancient Egyptians used to write, see if you can write your name using the sketch pad app below or using pen and paper, just like an Ancient Egyptian would!

See if you can also find all the hidden words within the word search!