



Program Format Template

for Ta'wy Podcast Channel – Wisdom for the Ear from Ancient Egypt

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Podcast Script Outline Template: *[Title]*

Intro (2–3 minutes)

- Welcome listeners and introduce the text by name.
 - Tease its central theme (exile and return, wisdom, divine praise, survival, etc.).
 - Hook: Pose a reflective question—“*What can a Middle Kingdom tale teach us about identity and belonging?*”
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Dramatic Telling of literature

- The literature is a collaborative effort among a cast within an audio drama.
 - See Audio Drama Script Template
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Patreon Invitation

- Provide the link to the Patreon page Ta’wy - Reconstructing Ancient Egyptian Culture | Creating Media for learning about ancient Egyptian Culture | Patreon <https://www.patreon.com/tawyancientegypt> and mention that the full episode contains the historical & cultural context, narrative or textual summary, themes and symbolism, and legacy & modern reflection.
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Historical & Cultural Context (5 minutes)

- When and where the text was composed (Middle Kingdom, New Kingdom, etc.).
 - Medium: Papyrus, tomb inscriptions, temple walls.
 - Function: Entertainment, instruction, ritual, or political legitimacy.
 - Audience: Who would have heard or read this text—scribes, priests, pharaohs, common people.
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Narrative or Textual Summary (8–10 minutes)

- **Act I – Setup:** Introduce main characters, setting, or theme.
 - **Act II – Conflict/Development:** Central tension (exile, moral dilemma, divine encounter).
 - **Act III – Resolution:** Outcome and its meaning for the Egyptian worldview.
 - Use evocative language to dramatize scenes (desert journeys, court debates, hymnic praise).
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Themes & Symbolism (5 minutes)

- Key motifs: *Ma’at* (order), exile, divine justice, wisdom, mortality.
 - Symbolic resonance: Nile as life, desert as chaos, pharaoh as divine mediator.
 - Ritual or social function: How the text reinforced values or beliefs.
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Legacy & Modern Reflection (5 minutes)

- Archaeological evidence: Manuscripts, tomb reliefs, temple inscriptions.
 - Influence: How the text shaped Egyptian identity or later literature.
 - Modern parallels: Compare to contemporary themes (exile, resilience, leadership, devotion).
 - Invite reflection: *“What wisdom from Ptahhotep still speaks to us today?”*
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Outro (2 minutes)

- Recap the text’s essence and enduring significance.
 - Call to action: Encourage listeners to imagine themselves as ancient scribes, hearing the text aloud.
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