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Outcome 1. Know historical background on the Joseph Smith Translation, the Book of Abraham, and canonization of the Pearl of Great Price.

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