

The Book of Mormon: A Tale of Two Translations

THE OFFICIAL NARRATIVE (What the Church Taught)



**Translating Directly
from Golden Plates**

THE HISTORICAL REALITY (What Witnesses Described)

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**The "Urim and
Thummim" Spectacles**

This narrative claims he used special interpreters that came with the plates.

**A Decades-Long
Misrepresentation**

The church continued to promote this inaccurate version, even in 2021.



The Stone in the Hat

He placed the stone in a hat to see words appear in the dark.



**A Treasure-Digging
"Seer Stone"**

Joseph used the same stone he employed in searching for buried treasure.

**"What in the world
are the plates for?"**

The physical plates were not used or even present during the dictation process.