

Dinosaur State Park — Fossil Matching Activity

Dinosaur State Park has a collection of fossils not often viewable to our visitors. In this fossil matching game, we have pulled out of our vault some of our most interesting fossils to share with you! As we know, fossils are more than just designs and patterns in rocks, they were once living creatures that lived in various climates and environments. So . . . are you ready to travel back in time to match the fossil to the animal it came from *and* the environment in which it lived?

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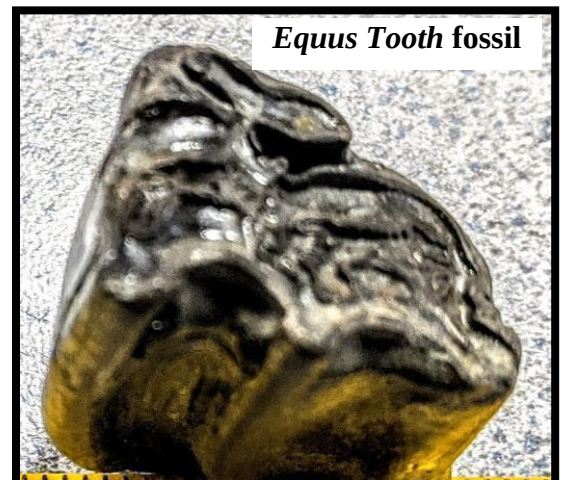
Print this document. Cut each item out.

Match the fossils with the reconstructed organism.

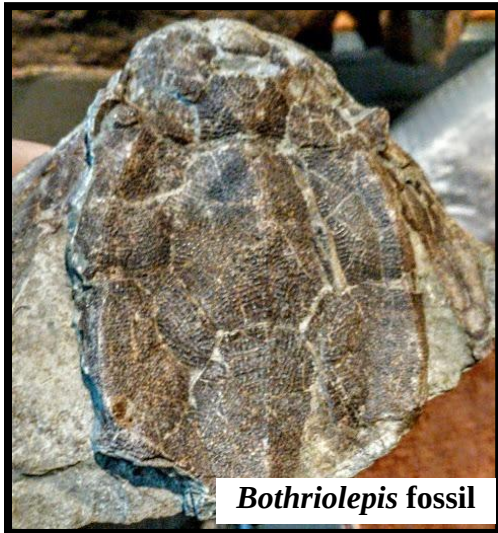
Then match the organism with its paleoenvironment.

Look up a few facts of your favorite fossil!

Fossils



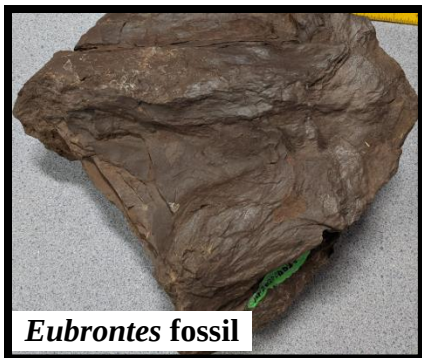
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Bothriolepis fossil



Calamites fossil



Eubrontes fossil



*Eurypterus
remipes* fossil



Fish fossil

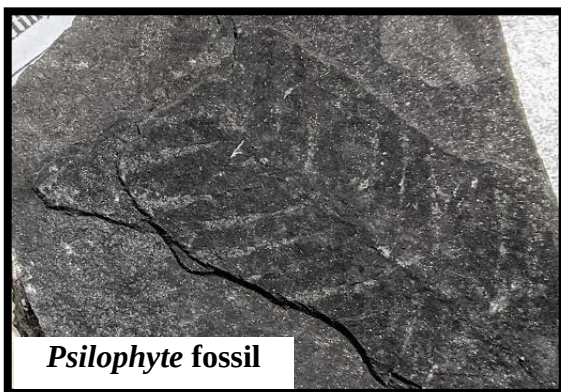


Gastropod fossil



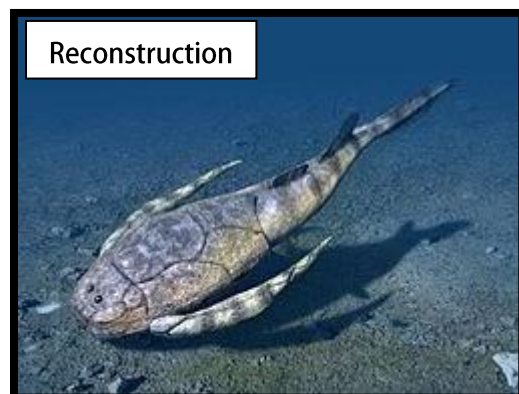
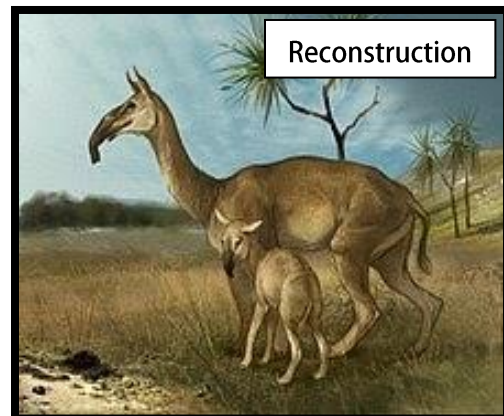
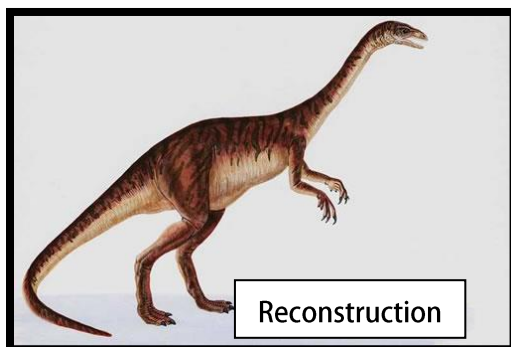
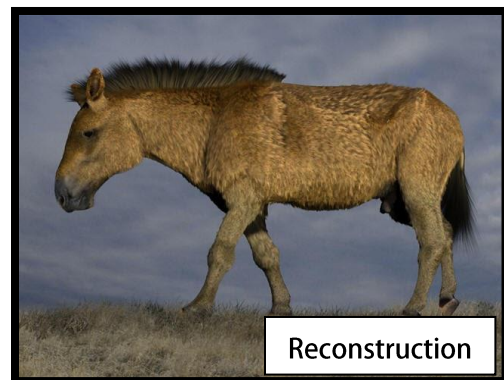
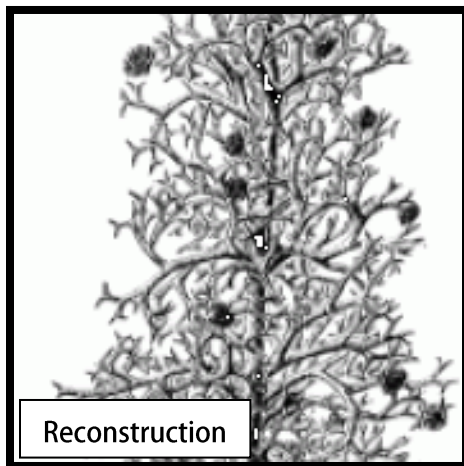
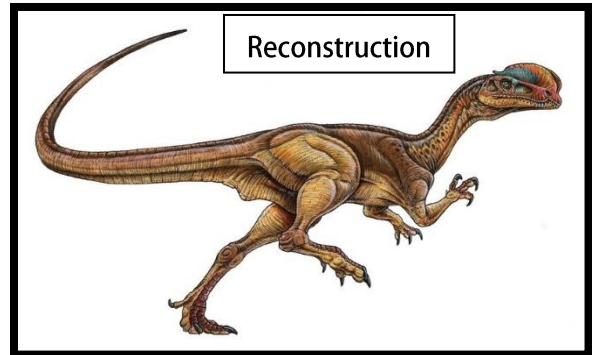
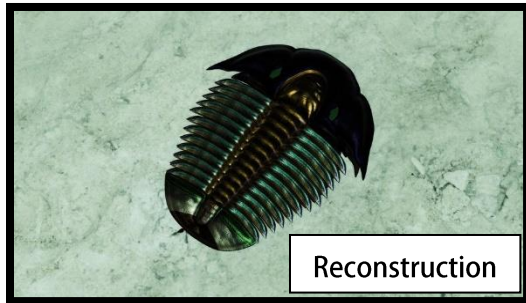
Heliopyllum fossil

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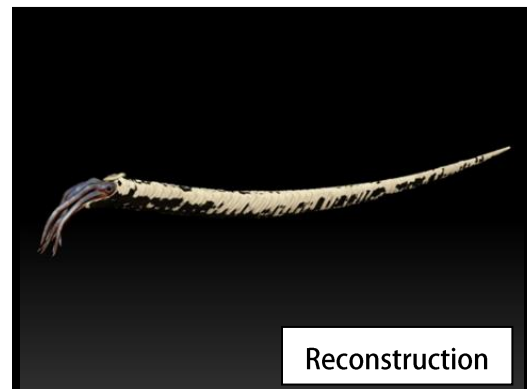
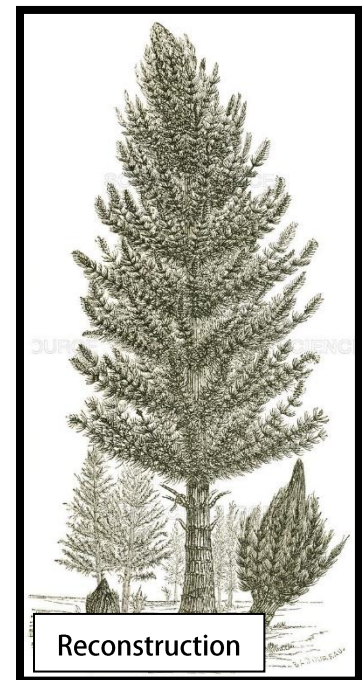
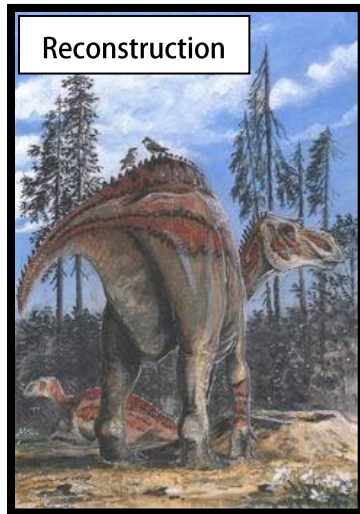
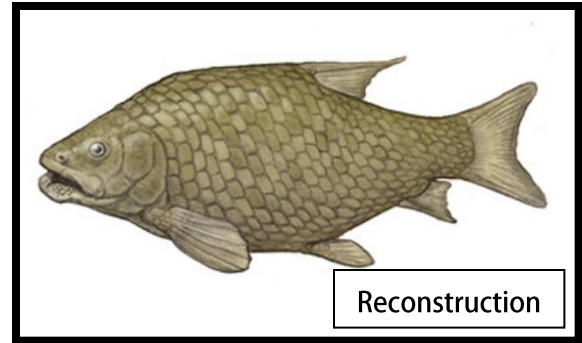
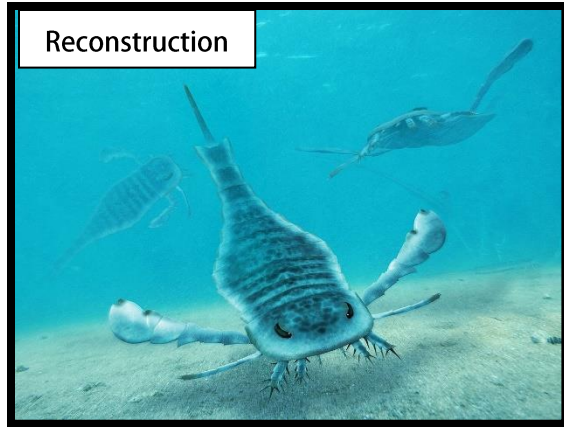


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Reconstructions



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Paleoenvironments

**Marine and Freshwater
paleoenvironment**

**Coal Swamps
paleoenvironment**

**Upper coastal plains,
shrublands paleoenvironment**

**Large lakeshore in the CT
valley paleoenvironment**

**Stationary ocean bottom
paleoenvironment**

**Large lake, CT valley
paleoenvironment**

**Grassy meadow at the foot of
The Andes paleoenvironment**

**Tidal/Lagoonal
paleoenvironment**

**Grassland/Forest
paleoenvironment**

**Middle of the marine water
column paleoenvironment**

**Tropical Reef
paleoenvironment**

**Marsh near active volcano
paleoenvironment**

**Shallow marine
paleoenvironment**

**Large lakeshore in the CT
valley paleoenvironment**

**Low-oxygen ocean-bottom
paleoenvironment**