

Fossils: Windows to the Past

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Understanding Fossils and Their Importance

Name: _____

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Answer the following questions about fossils and what we learned in class.

1. What is a fossil?

2. What are fossils compared to in the lesson?

- A. Nature's photographs
- B. Pictures in a book
- C. Movies of the past

3. Fossils can include ____, shells, and footprints.

4. Match the type of fossil to its example.

Bone

Leaf print

Imprint

Dinosaur skeleton

5. Why are fossils important for scientists?

6. Which of the following is NOT a type of fossil we learned about?

- A. Shell
- B. Footprint
- C. Tree root

7. Fossils help us understand God's incredible ____ in preserving natural history.

8. Fossils can only be bones.

True False

9. What might a fossil tell us?

- A. About a movie
- B. About an animal that lived long ago
- C. About a plant growing today

10. How do you think fossils are formed?

Answer Key

1. A fossil is a preserved remain or trace of an ancient organism. 2. Nature's photographs 3. bones 4. Dinosaur skeleton 5. Fossils help scientists understand what life was like in the past. 6. Tree root 7. design 8. False 9. About an animal that lived long ago 10. Fossils are formed when organisms are buried and preserved over time.