

Fossil Detectives Review

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Answer the following questions based on what you've learned about fossils and paleontology.

1. What do paleontologists study to learn about the past?

- A. Living animals
- B. Fossil clues
- C. Modern plants

2. Fossils are like preserved ____ of ancient life.

3. What does the verse from Job 12:7-9 tell us about learning from creation?

4. Match the type of fossil to its story.

Dinosaur Fossil

Tells us about ancient ecosystems

Plant Fossil

Shows what plants looked like

5. What might a dinosaur fossil tell us about its environment?

- A. It was very hot
- B. It was an ocean
- C. It lived in a forest

6. The study of fossils helps us understand Earth's ____ environments.

7. What surprised you about today's investigation of fossils?

8. Fossils can tell us nothing about ancient life.

True False

9. Why is environmental context important in understanding fossils?

- A. It helps us know where they were found
- B. It tells us their age
- C. It shows what they looked like

10. Paleontologists are like scientific ____ who solve mysteries about Earth's past.

Answer Key

1. Fossil clues 2. snapshots 3. It shows that animals, earth, and sea can teach us about the past. 4. Tells us about ancient ecosystems 5. It lived in a forest 6. past 7. I was surprised to see how many different types of fossils there are. 8. False 9. It helps us know where they were found 10. detectives