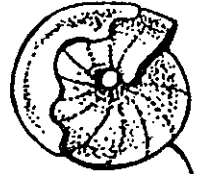


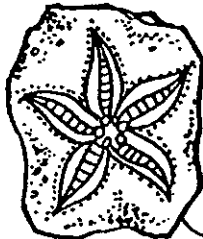
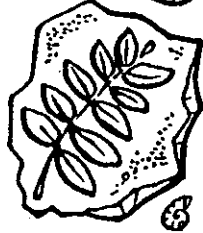
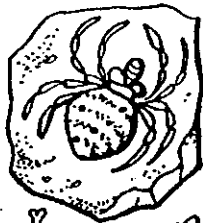
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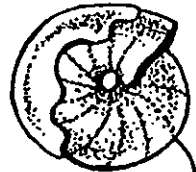
## Reading Activity Card 1

### The Origin Of Life

1. What does Earth have that no other planet in our solar system has?
2. What two things are necessary to sustain life?
3. What are **fossils**?
4. What process is used to tell scientists how old fossils are?



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## Reading Activity Card 2

### Precambrian Period

1. How old are the oldest fossils?
2. What do fossils tell us about the earliest life forms on Earth?
3. What are **stromatolites**?
4. List four of the more complex animals from the Precambrian period.



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## Reading Activity Card 3

### Cambrian Period and Ordovician Period

1. What did the new animals of the Cambrian period have?
2. List three creatures from the Cambrian period.
3. List three creatures from the Ordovician period.

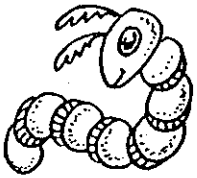


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## Reading Activity Card 4

### Silurian Period

1. What did plants and animals do for the first time during the Silurian period?
2. Name two **adaptations** that certain creatures developed during this time.
3. Name one animal and one plant that moved onto land.



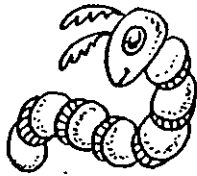
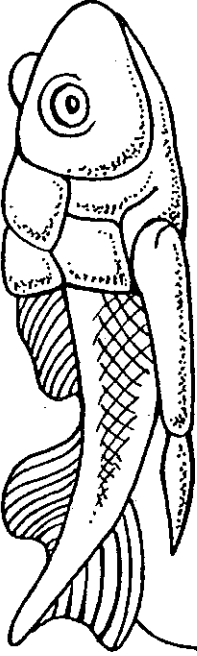
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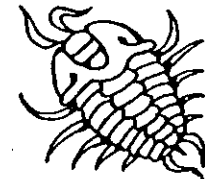
## Reading Activity Card 5

### Devonian Period

1. What was the Devonian period also called?
2. What were the characteristics of the fish during this time?
3. Describe the physical changes that helped fish evolve into amphibians.



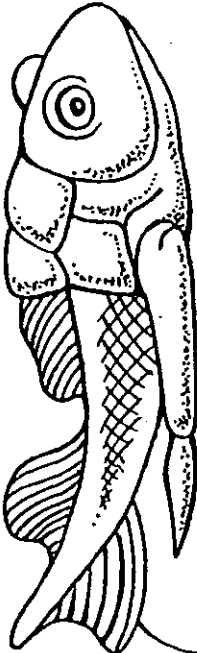
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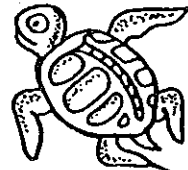
### Carboniferous Period

1. When did the Carboniferous period begin?
2. How did this period get its name?
3. What was the difference between the first half and the second half of the Carboniferous period?
4. In what way(s) were **reptiles** a more advanced creature than other animals up to this point?





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## Reading Activity Card 7

### Permian Period

1. What was the name of the *supercontinent*?
2. Why did animals need fur during this time?
3. What helped reptiles survive the climate change while many amphibians were unable to?
4. What is a *conifer*?



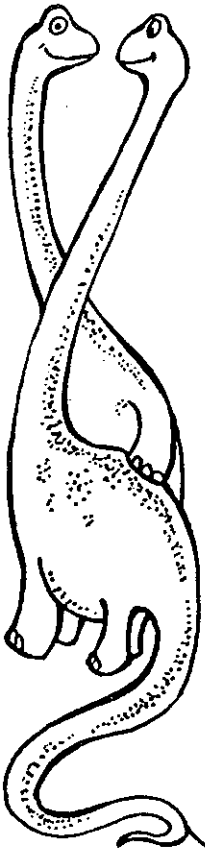
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## Reading Activity Card 8

### Triassic Period

1. When did the Triassic period begin?
2. List four sea creatures from this period.
3. What new skill did the *kuhneosaurus* have?
4. What was the primary animal of this era?  
Fish, amphibian, reptile, or human?



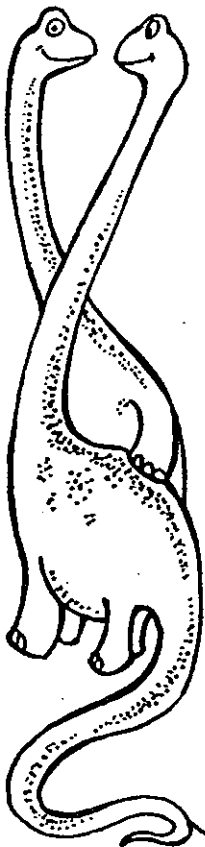
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## Reading Activity Card 10

### Cretaceous Period

1. What does tyrannosaurus rex mean?
2. Name two possible reasons that caused dinosaurs to become extinct.
3. List five creatures that were alive during the Cretaceous period.



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## Reading Activity Card 9

### Jurassic Period

1. What animal was the ruler during the Jurassic period?
2. How are dinosaurs divided?
3. What conditions helped life to flourish during the Jurassic period?
4. How is it known that the first bird had evolved during this time?



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## Reading Activity Card 11

### Paleocene and Eocene Period

1. What was the Paleocene period known as? Why?
2. List some mammals from the Paleocene period.
3. What modern domestic animals first developed during the Eocene period?
4. List some mammals from the Eocene period.



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## Reading Activity Card 12

### Oligocene and Miocene Period

1. What was a *baluchitherium*?
2. Why were there more mammals during the Miocene period?
3. What is created when continents collide?
4. List some rodents that developed during the Miocene era.



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## Reading Activity Card 13

### Pliocene and Pleistocene Period

1. What was the name of the first human beings?
2. What is another name for the Pleistocene period?
3. List some animals that survived in the cold.
4. List some animals that evolved after the climate warmed.



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## Reading Activity Card 14

### The First People

1. When did the first *primate* appear?
2. List some primates.
3. How recently did human evolution begin?
4. List, in order, the sequence of human evolution.
5. How do humans differ from all other species?