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Fossil Lab Index

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Fossils are evidence of living things from the past.

1. Is this Petrified Wood a fossil? Yes / No

2. Petrified Wood is made of

Wood / Mineral (Choose one)

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Sample 1

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A Mold is a hollow opening left as a buried animal or plant decays.

A Cast is made of mineral that has filled in the mold. The cast has the identical shape of the original plant or animal.

3. Which sample is the mold? A or B

4. Which sample is the <u>cast</u>? A or B



Sample 2&3

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Index fossils are fossils of plants or animals that lived only at a certain time in the geologic past. By finding these in rock, we automatically know how old the rock is.

5. This fossil is probably (give its name)

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Sample 4

6. It lived in the Silurian Period, therefore the rock it was found in was about ______ million years old.

7. It lived in the _



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This fossil replica was molded from an actual specimen.

- 8. What is the name of this "fossil" specimen?
- 9. It lived during the _____ period. (about 100 Million years ago)

10. This is a

(real/fake)

_fossil.



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Examine this fossil replica:





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- 11. The name of this "fossil" is
- 12. It lived during the _ and periods. 13. It lived during the _ ERA.





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Examine these "fossil" specimens carefully. They are similar but not exactly the same.

14. What are their names and to which period do they belong?



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Sample 7

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These two fossil samples each represent a **footh** from an ancient horse. We see two different teeth from two different species of horse.



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Sample 10

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- 16. Sample 10 is from an ancient horse named
- 17. Sample 11 is from an ancient horse named
- 18. A) Which animal lived more recently?
 - B) These animals lived

(on land / in the ocean)

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Click to enlarge Sample 11

Click photos to enlarge or look at samples 10 and 11 in the lab

Examine this actual **Trilobite** fossil under the microscope (or enlarge the picture if you are not in the lab). Trilobites are extinct animals that lived in shallow seas as long as 600 million years

ago!!



19. It is very <u>easy /difficult</u> to determine exactly which species of trilobite we have.

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20. The closest one to our sample is _____ Pick one: Calymene / Isotelus / Olenoides



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Sample 12

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Station 9 Return to Index > Next Station Examine this fossil replica. 21. This sample represents the fossilized tooth of a _____. (common name) Click to enlarge 22. Its name is _____ _. (scientific name) Sample 13 23. It is from the ____ ERA. Click photo to enlarge or look at sample 13 in the lab 24. It is a click here for Geologic Time Scale pick one: real shark's tooth real fossil of a shark's tooth fake fossil of a shark tooth Click here to show real tooth from a fake shark selection chart

Station 10 Fossil Replica



25. What is the name of this "fossil" specimen? Hint: look very closely, there is another one that looks a lot like it.

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Sample 14

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26. It lived during the (A) _____ period which was (B) _____ to ____ million years ago.

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This sample represents the fossilized remains of a small sea creature known as an Ammonite. Ammonites had jagged lines on their shells called sutures.

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28. The name of this Ammonite is

29. It lived about 350 million years ago in the _____ Period.



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This is **Venericardia robusitus**. All plants and animals are given two names; a <u>Genus</u> name (with a capitol letter) and a <u>species</u> name (with a small letter).

- 30. What is the Genus name of this "fossil"?
- 31. What is its species name?

32. The animal represented by this fossil is a Pelecypod. Pelecypods are ____? Choose one: clams / snails / sea urchins

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Sample 16 Click photo to enlarge or

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These two samples are both **Brachiopods**; animals that lived in shallow seas attached to the sea bottom.

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- 33. Sample 17 is named _____
 It is from the Cretaceous period.
- 34. Sample 18 is named _____It is from the Silurian period.
- 35. Which is the oldest?

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Sample 18

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These might be fossils of a sea animal called a **Belemnoid** but I really don't know for sure.



36. Are these fossils real (made of rock) or fake (made of plaster or plastic)?

37. What has filled the v-shaped groove in sample 20?

This is a plaster model of some **plant fossils** you could have found in 300 million year old rock.

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38. Match the fossil with its scientific name.

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39. Which fossil shows the scales of an ancient tree?

40. These fossils are from the ____

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Station 16 Both of these fossils are

Trilobites that have curled up into a ball.

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- 41. Sample 22 is named
- 42. Sample 23 is named
- 43. Which "fossil" is the oldest?
- 44. Both of these are from the ____
- 45. What is different about them that allowed you to tell them apart?



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Click photos to enlarge or look at samples 22 and 23 in the lab



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This plaster cast is a replica of several marine fossils (lived in the sea)

46. Fossil A is a _

trilobite / cephalopod

47. Fossil B is a ______ trilobite / cephalopod

48. Fossil C is a

trilobite / cephalopod

49. Which of these "fossils" is the oldest?





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 Station 18

 These fossil replicas are of sea

 animals called Echinoderms.

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It is

- 50. Sample 25 is named _____. It is commonly called a "sea lilly".
- 51. Sample 26 is named _
- 52. Sample 27 is named ______. commonly called a "sea urchin".
- 53. Did all three of these animals live in the same ERA?
- 54. Which one is this a picture of? \longrightarrow



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Fossils of sea creatures such as ancient fish, clams, and snails are most commonly preserved in Sedimentary Rock.

55. a)This is a fossil replica of a 40 million year old b) It was probably found in layers of pick one: shale / granite / basalt

56. This fossil is from the _



Sample 28

rock.

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This plaster model shows fossilized animals that lived 450 - 600 million years ago!

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57. Fossil A is named

58. Fossil B is named

59. Fossil C is named

60. In which two periods did these animals live?



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Examine this fossil replica.

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61. The name of this fossil is

62. In which period did it live?

63. In which <u>ERA</u> did it live?

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Sample

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This is a plaster replica of a fossil found in 300 million year old rock!

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Sample 31

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64. The name of this "fossil" is _

65. a) It was a _____ plant / animal

b) It lived during the _____ period.

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Fossils are evidence of living things from the past. This animal lived up to 65 million years ago.

66. This "fossil is named.

67. It is a _____ cephalopod / gastropod / pelecypod

68. It lived during the _ *period*.

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Sample 32

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This plaster cast shows 3 different marine animals that lived 600 million years ago but some species still exist today.





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69. Specimen A is an ancient Gastropod (snail). It lived 65 million years ago in the _____ period.

70. Specimen C belongs to a group known as Anthazoa. This one is a horn coral and lived _____ million years ago.



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This station links you to another website **"The Ways Fossils Form"**. Click on the picture below to enter and answer the questions on your lab sheet. Don't forget to come back here and continue on to Station 26.

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Unaltered Hard Parts Organisms such as: Shelled Invertibrates

Casts/Molds Organisms with: Shells or Skeletons



Permineralization Materials such as: Bone or wood Carbonization Organisms such as:





Replacement Organisms such as: Ammonites Trace Organisms such as: Dinosaurs





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Making fossils How does a flesh and blood creature turn into a fossil? BBC News: Huge bird dino unearthed in China



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Nigel Marvin takes a trip through the seven deadliest seas of all time



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Burying Bodies



Skeleton Jigsaws



Making Fossils

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Sea Monster Facts



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Sea Monster Adventure Game

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Fossils

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This station links you to another website "Galleries Interactive - Fossils". Click on the picture above to enter. You could probably spend a week at this site so make sure you get to the topics on your lab sheet. Clicking on an individual picture below will take you directly to that topic. In station 28 you will revisit this site to browse through the other topics.







Be an Artist



Eating with Scissors



Declining Diversity

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Winners and Losers



Climate Past



Unusual Suspects



Who's Hip



What is a Dinosaur



Digging in the Dirt



Large Invertebrates



Marine Reptiles



Iridium Spike



Volcanism and Extinction



Impact Tour



Lava, Lava, and More Lava



Mammal Skulls



Teeth: the oral Toolbox





Dino - Bird Connection



Feathers and Flight





Congratulations!! If you have made it this far you have worked hard and learned a lot. Let's relax, put down our pencils, and revisit the website "Galleries Interactive - Fossils". Check out the topics below that you skipped at Station 27. Just browse through them, you don't need to answer any questions.



Foot Bones



Tracks



Hotspot Today



Insect Damage



Leaf Quiz



Leaf Litter



Hair and Fur



History of Milk



Climate Simulator









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