

dinosaur fossils

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Directions: Read the following piece of nonfiction writing. Then answer the questions on the next page.



Dinosaur National Monument

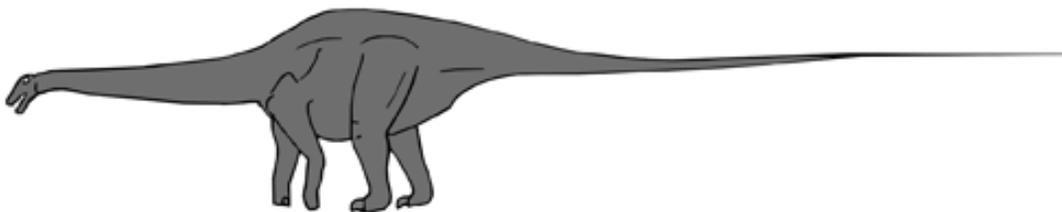
Do you like studying dinosaurs? If you do, then Dinosaur National Monument is the place for you. It is located in northwestern Colorado. Here you can have a close-up look of the fossils and bones of the largest animals to have ever walked the Earth - dinosaurs. During the past 100 years scientists have discovered hundreds of dinosaur fossils.

A Special Place

Dinosaur National Monument is a special place because it is one of the best sources of dinosaur fossils in the world. When you visit this place you can actually see over 1,600 fossil bones. These fossils can be seen in their original position in the rocks. It is almost like you discovered the fossils for the first time yourself!

Dinosaur Fossils

An amazing thing about what you see at Dinosaur National Monument is the number of different types of dinosaur remains. There are fossils of meat-eating dinosaurs, as well as plant-eating ones. There are also fossils of young dinosaurs. But, what is especially unique is how well preserved the remains are. In many cases there are complete dinosaur skeletons. For these reasons Dinosaur National Monument is a fascinating place.



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Questions:

1 What is the title of the writing?

2 List the major headings.

3 Describe the overall “big picture” of the writing.

4 Where is Dinosaur National Monument?

5 What is the main thing to see here?

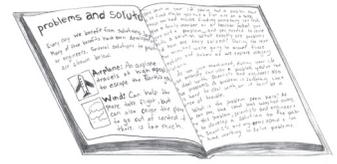
6 Why is this place special?

7 How is Dinosaur National Park unique?

sources

Name: _____

When studying a topic, it's important to realize there are a variety of different writings, called sources, covering the same topic. Examples include maps, books, magazine articles, and online descriptions.



Directions: Decide which source is best for the type of information needed to plan your vacation.

Information needed:

Sources:

1 You are going on a hiking trip and need to plan your route.

A magazine

2 You would like to read about the history of the place.

B book

3 You would like to find a hotel to stay in on your vacation.

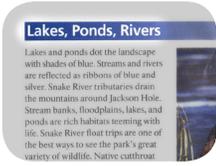
C map

4 You would like to read a recent article about the place.

D online websites

video review

Name: _____



You decide

What's the heading of this section?



You decide

How long do they live?



You decide

What are some examples of sources?

video quiz



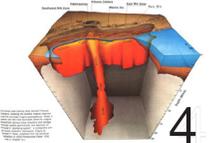
Science _____ is not real.



Nonfiction writings in science are based on _____.



Large words at the beginning of a section are _____.



Science writings often have lots of _____.



Sometimes while reading it's helpful to ask _____.

what do you know now?

Name: _____

Select the best answer for each of the following questions.

1 Science fiction writings are not what?

- fun
- written
- found in books
- real

2 Science writings are a type of:

- fiction
- poetry
- nonfiction
- make-believe

3 Nonfiction is based on what:

- make-believe
- reality
- nothing
- fiction

4 Which is not an example of nonfiction:

- a newspaper
- a textbook
- a comic
- a cookbook

5 Large words above a section of writing are called what?

- detailed text
- headings
- graphs
- diagrams

6 By reading the headings, you get what?

- the big picture
- lots of detail
- nothing
- charts

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- facts about trees
- information about mountains
- data about ants
- information about fish

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- holes
- details
- bad information
- boring facts

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- not pay attention
- fall asleep
- just look at pictures
- ask questions

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- what is the main idea?
- where did this happen?
- when do I take a break?
- how did it happen?

what have you learned?

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