## PRACTICE IDENTIFYING PARTICIPLES

This practice sheet supports study of the novel Jurassic Park. It is aligned with Indiana Standard 9.6.1.

A participle is a verb form that acts as an adjective.

• Present participles end in -ing.

Examples: The sound of *running* water told me the pipe had burst. (*Running* modifies *water*.) The *snarling* dog scared us, and we left. (*Snarling* modifies *dog*.)

• Past participles often end in -ed or -t, but they can also take other forms.

Examples: A *watched* pot never boils. (*Watched* modifies *pot*.)

The house *built* of straw collapsed when the wolf blew it down. (*Built* modifies *house*.)

The ice cream *left* in the bowl began to melt. (*Left* modifies *ice cream*.)

Directions: Underline the participles in the following sentences. Draw an arrow from the participle to the noun or pronoun it modifies.

- 1. Bob Morris had a disturbing suspicion about John Hammond's activities.
- 2. Hammond searched through stockpiled amber for dinosaur DNA.
- 3. Grant told Hammond, "We have evidence of a living dinosaur."
- 4. "Why would they install electrified fences at a resort?" Ellie wondered.
- 5. On the computer screen Grant had a glimpse of the velociraptor skeleton, beautifully defined, with a long neck.
- 6. A partially exposed skeleton was at risk from wind and rain, so it was covered up.
- 7. The team had used computer-assisted sonic tomography, or CAST, all summer with varying results.
- 8. Hammond planned to open the island, in his words, "to a surprised and delighted public."
- 9. Dodgson wanted Nedry to steal frozen dinosaur embryos.
- 10. Ian Malcolm explained that every complex system has an underlying order.
- 11. Malcolm had described weather as a complicated system.
- 12. Isla Nublar's forested slopes were wreathed in fog.
- 13. As they descended, Grant was watching a glowing fluorescent cross beneath the Plexi bubble of the helicopter.
- 14. After a thrilling landing, everyone was climbing out of the helicopter quickly.
- 15. Surprised, Grant had looked up at the dinosaur for a long time.

**Writing:** Write a paragraph about Hammond, Grant, or Ellie. Use at least five participles.

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