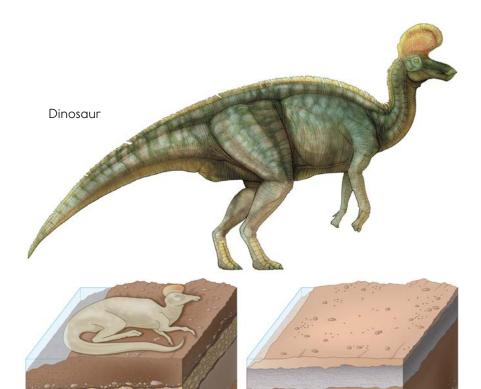


A Look at Fossils



Focus Question

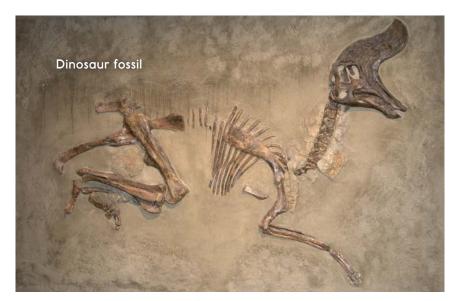
What are fossils, and what can you learn from them?



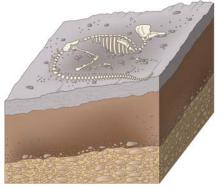
1. Dinosaur dies in mud.

2. Dinosaur bones are covered by layers of rock.

Fossils are clues about the long ago past.
Fossils can form when living things die and are covered quickly.



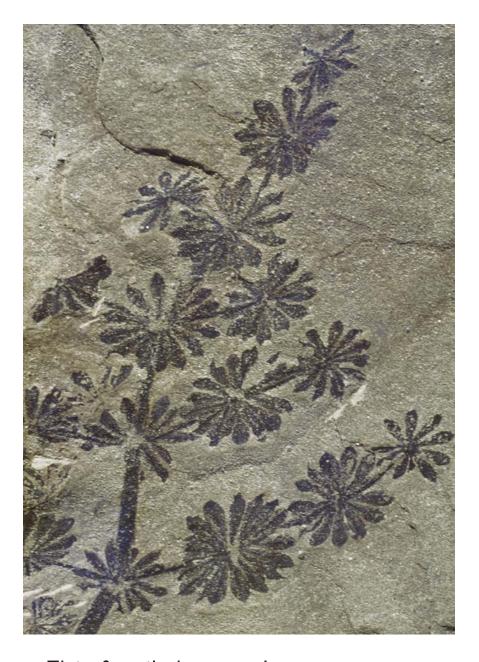




3. Dinosaur bones turn to stone.

4. Bone fossils are uncovered.

Some of the covered dead things turn to stone over time. The stony fossils show details about how living things looked or lived.



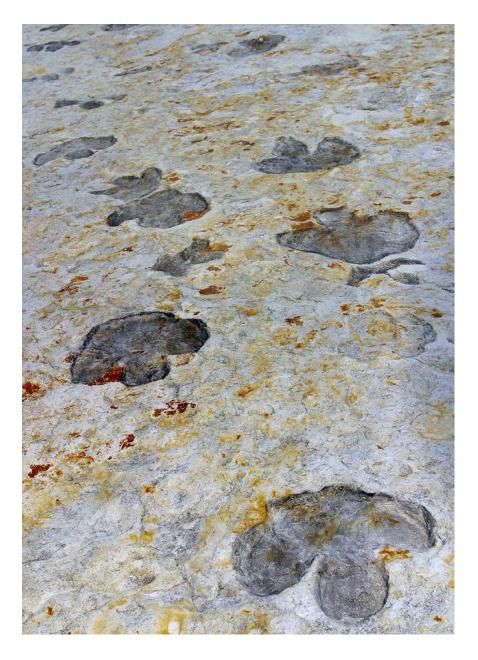
This fossil shows plants.
What details does it show?



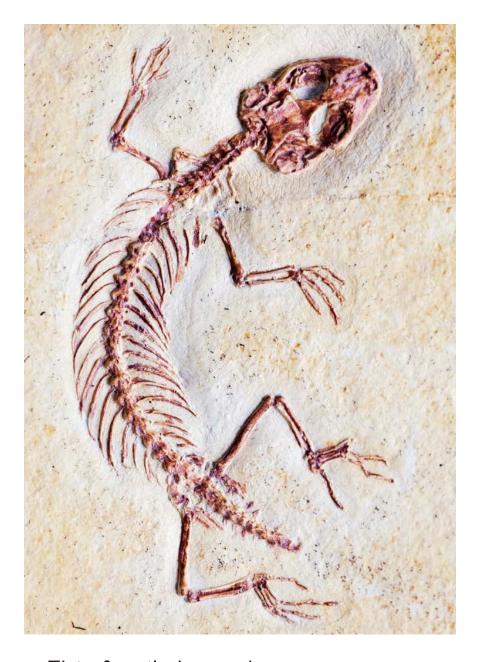
This fossil shows shells.
What details does it show?



This fossil shows teeth.
What details does it show?



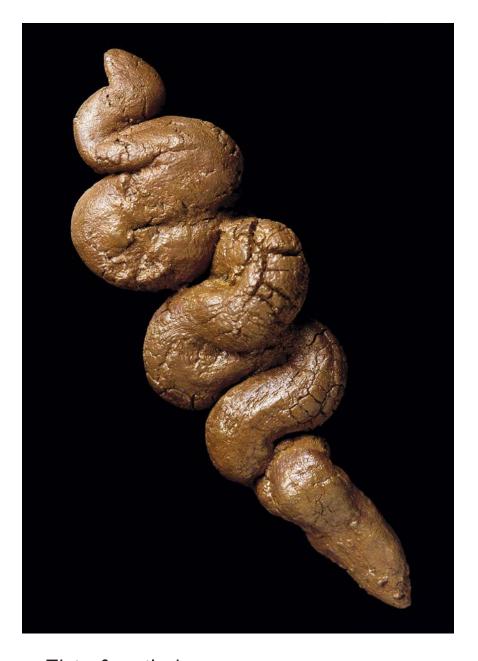
This fossil shows footprints. What details does it show?



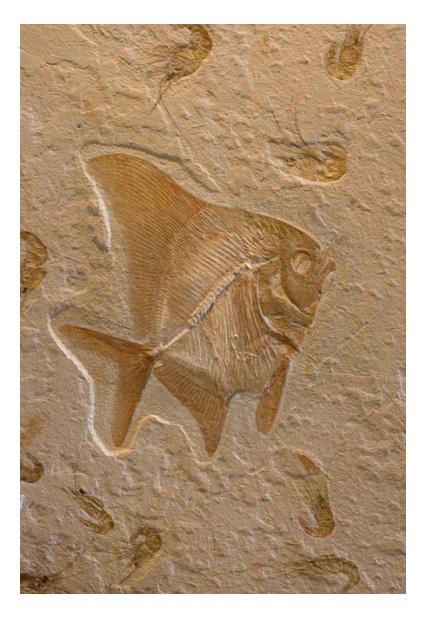
This fossil shows bones. What details does it show?



This fossil shows eggs.
What details does it show?



This fossil shows poop.
What details does it show?



Fossils give people clues about living things from long ago.
What clues can you find?

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