

Big and Small

Tall and terrifying

Some dinosaurs were huge.

Brachiosaurus (brack-ee-uh-sor-us) weighed as much as 12 elephants. Its nostrils were on top of its head.

Diplodocus (di-plod-uh-kus) had more than 70 bones in its long tail. But it had one of the smallest brains of all dinosaurs.

Tyrannosaurus (tie-ran-uh-sor-us) was a scary dinosaur. It was a hunter. Its sharp teeth were as long as pencils. It had a very good sense of smell and a strong neck.

Tyrannosaurus has been in more movies than any other dinosaur!

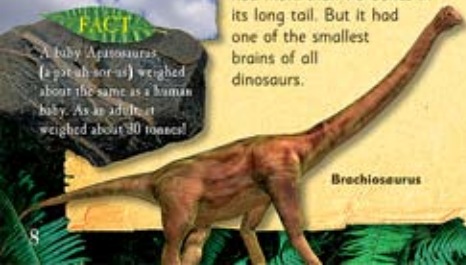
Apatosaurus



FACT

A baby Apatosaurus (a-pat-uh-sor-us) weighed about the same as a human baby. As an adult, it weighed about 30 tonnes!

Brachiosaurus



Diplodocus

Tyrannosaurus



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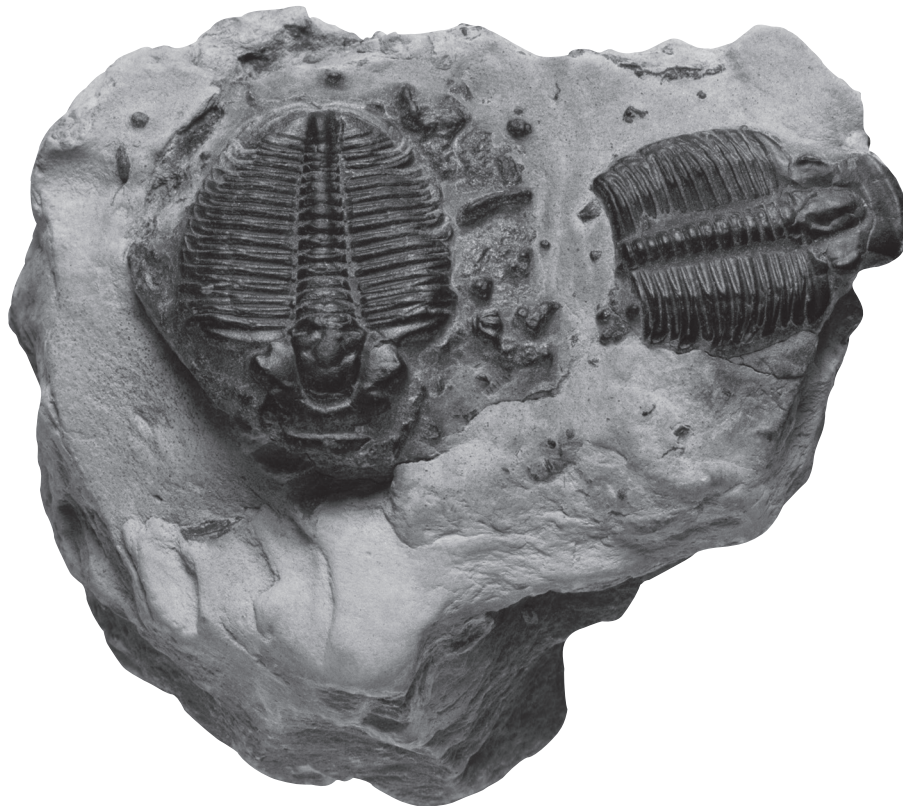
Introduction

The Importance of Reading Nonfiction Texts

We live in a world in which we are surrounded by text that is written to convey specific information. Knowing how to read, comprehend, and respond to this informational text is a critical part of achieving and maintaining success in both school and society. Informational text is what helps us better understand the natural and social world. This is why it is so important to expose students to a wide variety of informational texts. Reading and enjoying informational text can—and should—begin at an early age, when children are fascinated by their surroundings and eager to learn more about the world. By reading informational text, students develop stronger literacy skills, build their vocabulary, and expand their content knowledge.

It is no secret that children typically spend more time watching videos and playing games on tablets than they do reading books. In addition, much of the reading content they are exposed to is fiction-based. Higher-level educational institutions have discovered that most students are not prepared to read and analyze complex nonfiction text or write a well-researched essay—skills that are essential for college and career readiness. Help students improve their informational literacy skills by providing them access to an assortment of nonfiction texts.

Dinosaurs is a nonfiction book about the fascinating world of dinosaurs. The book includes interesting facts, beautiful photos, and special text features that will engage and inform readers. It will help bring children one step closer to becoming competent readers of informational texts.



Name: _____

ACTIVITY 1

Did You Know?

Directions: Choose a dinosaur from the *Dinosaurs* book. Use the information from the book and other resources to complete the dinosaur facts below. Try to include important and interesting facts about this type of dinosaur.



type of dinosaur: _____

what it looked like: _____

where it lived: _____
