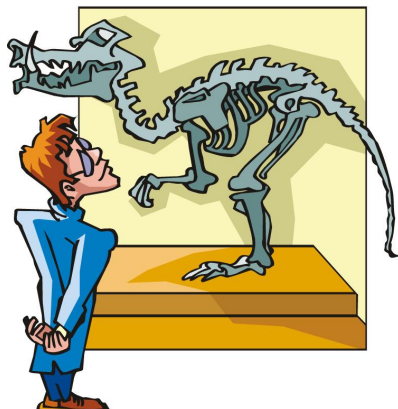
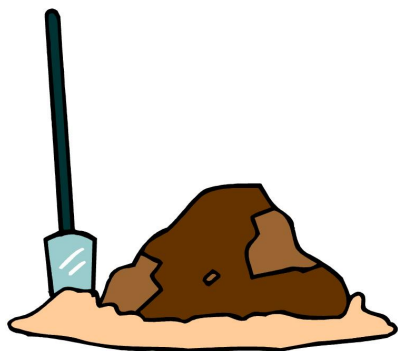


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Let's Go Digging For Dinosaurs!

by Erin Horner

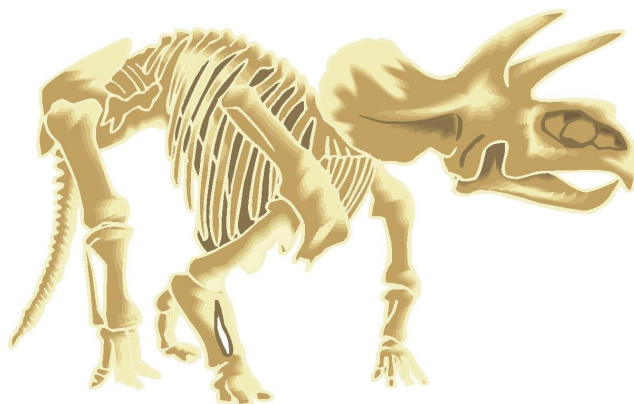


Answer the following questions **BEFORE** you read this book. It is okay if you do not know as much as you thought. Do the best you can!

1. Who looks for dinosaurs? Would you like to do this job? Why or why not?

2. Which job do you think would be harder: taking care of animals at the zoo or digging for dinosaur bones? Explain your answer.

3. Do you think it is possible for scientists to find all of the dinosaur bones that are buried on Earth? Why or why not?



I want to find some dinosaur bones. Do you want to go on a hunt with me? Okay! Let's go dig for dinosaurs.



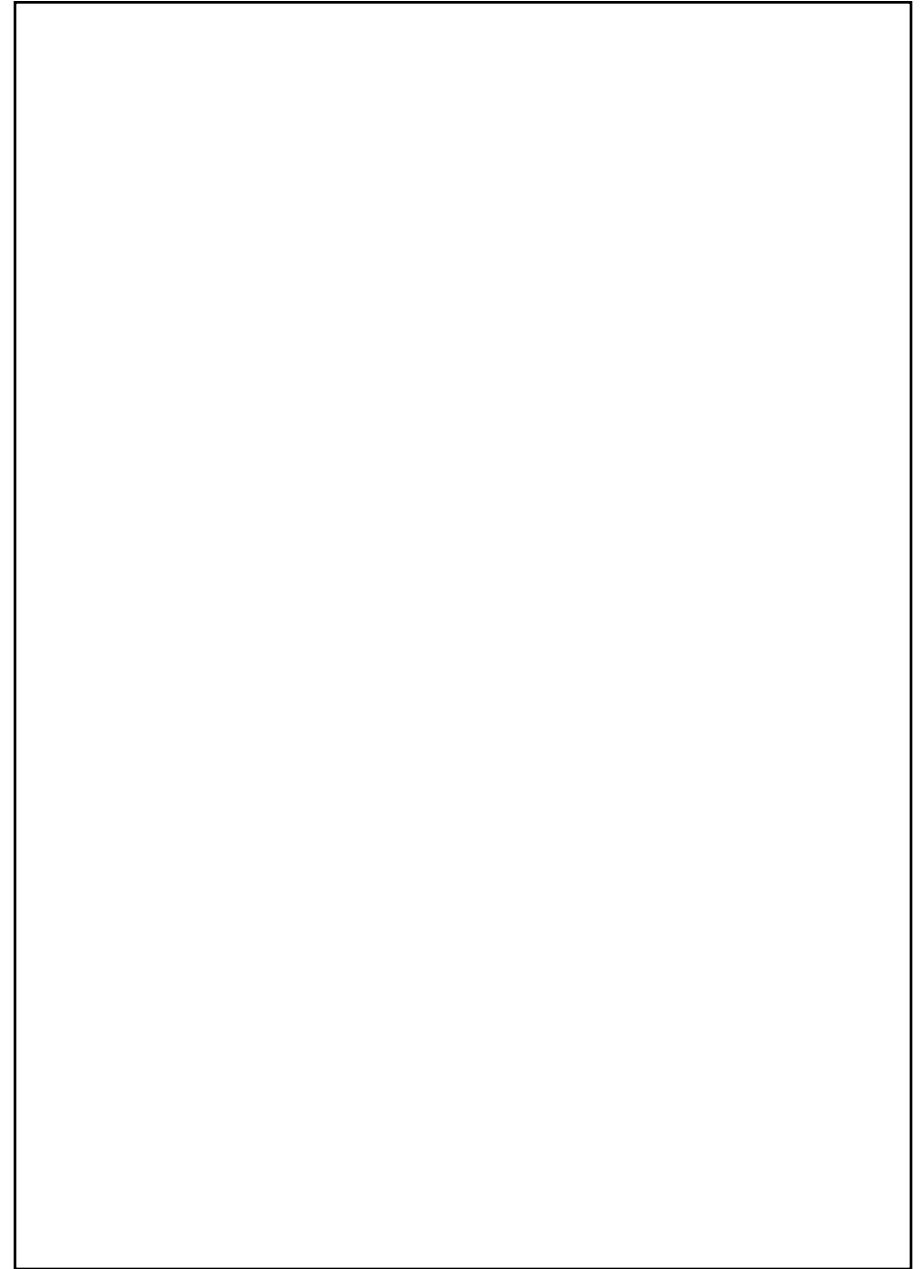
First we need to gather our tools. We'll need a pick and a shovel. We had better grab a toothbrush too. It might come in handy if we need to brush away little pieces of dirt. You can probably grab an old one, but don't take your sister's. She might get mad!

If you were digging for dinosaurs, what tool would you use first? Draw a picture of it.



Now we have to find a good site for our fossil hunt. Deserts and badlands are great places for dinosaur digging. They still have rocks from the time of the dinosaurs. Let's start in Utah.

Once we get there we'll start digging, but we have to be careful! Dinosaur fossils are fragile. They can break easily. We'll need to dig carefully. We can only chip away small pieces at a time.



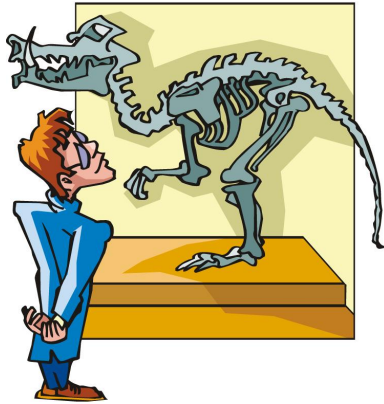


I really hope we find something, but our *something* won't look like a dinosaur. It will probably just be a small piece of a bone. If we do find a fragment, then the *real* work will begin.



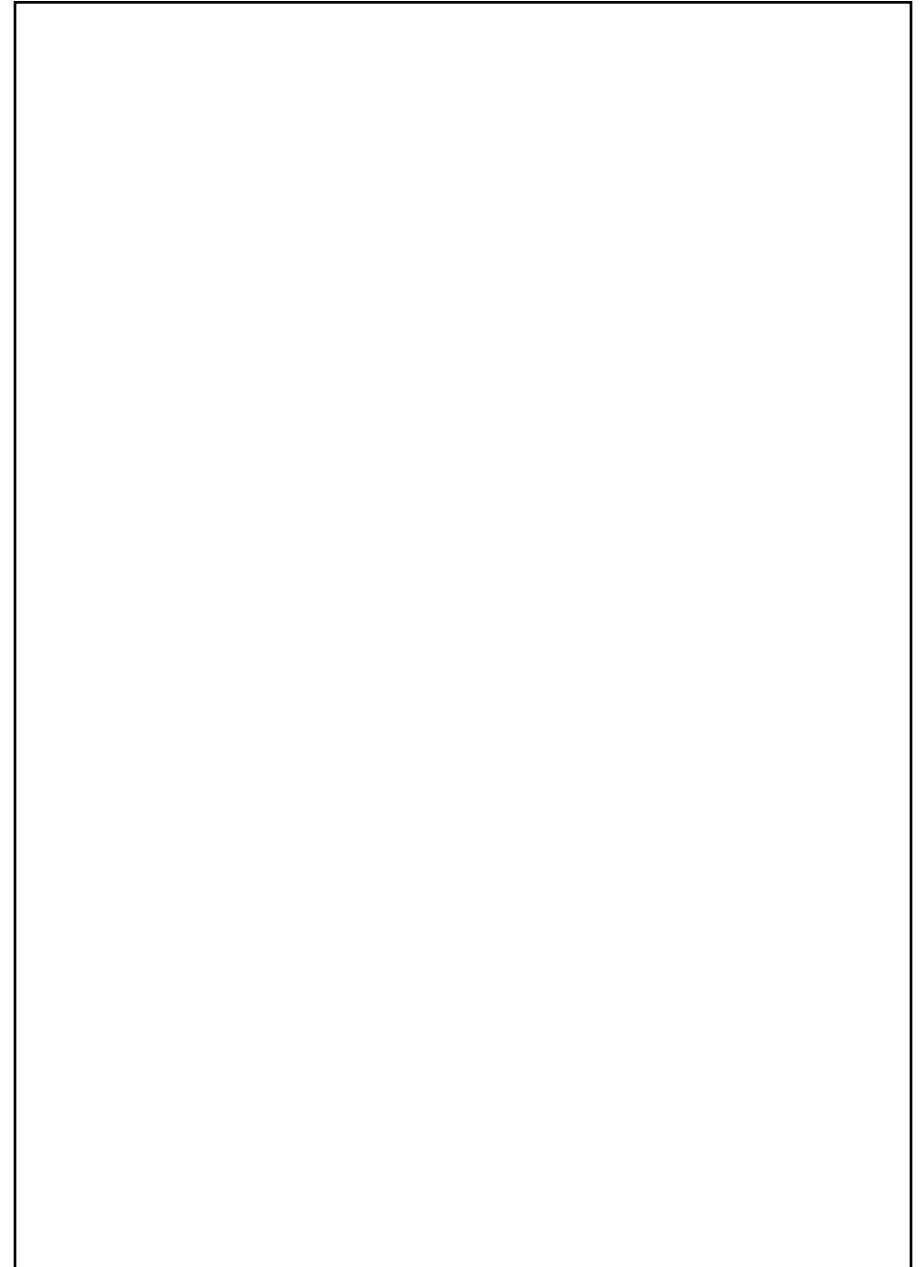
Paleontologists will have to join us then. They'll arrive at our site and take a lot of notes. They'll record the date, time, and place of our find. Then they'll excavate the fossil. They'll use special tools to get it out of the ground. They'll also look for more pieces while they are there.

What would you name a dinosaur? Draw a certificate and write the animal's new name on it.



Next they'll send it to a lab or a museum. Experts there will study it. They'll try to figure out what kind of dinosaur it was. The experts will also try to put the dinosaur pieces back together. It's like piecing together a giant puzzle, but this puzzle might take years to finish!

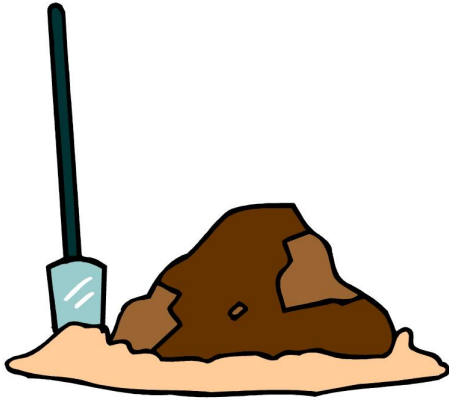
If we've found a brand new dinosaur, the experts will name it. They might give it a Greek name that describes it. They might name it after the place where it was found. Better yet, they might name it after us!



Answer the following questions **AFTER** you have completed this book.

1. If you were going digging for dinosaurs, what type of tools would you need? List three.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



Many kinds of dinosaurs have been discovered, but many more walked the Earth. How many fossils are still out there? I don't know, but let's go find some!

2.



Pretend that you discovered a new dinosaur. Experts have put all of its bones back together. What does it look like? Draw a picture of it.

3. There are lots of places to dig for dinosaurs. Some are better spots than others. Where would you want to dig first? Rank the following places from 1-5, with 1 being the spot where you'd want to begin your dig.

_____ the mountains in Colorado

_____ the beach in Hawaii

_____ the desert in California

_____ the wetlands of Africa

_____ the rainforest

4. If I were going on a dinosaur dig, I would take my friend _____

with me because _____
