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Another View

This book had a lot of information about fossils.

As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find another source about fossils. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar and why? How are they different and why?



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Take a Stand

Chapter One of this book discusses the Scopes Trial and how paleontologists use fossils to understand Earth's evolutionary history. Imagine that you are trying to explain to someone that dinosaurs and birds are related. What clues in the fossil record might support this idea? Ask an adult to help you find a reliable website with more information on this topic. What evidence from the website supports dinosaurs and birds being related?



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Why Do I Care?

This book discusses how paleontologists use fossils to help answer questions about the history of life on Earth. What kinds of questions do you have about the past? What kind of evidence would you look for to support an answer? How would you find it? Use your imagination!



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Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about fossils? Do you want to learn more about petrified dinosaur eggs? Or insects encased in amber? Write down one or two questions to guide you in doing research. With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources that can help answer your questions. Write a few sentences about how you did your research and what you learned from it.



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