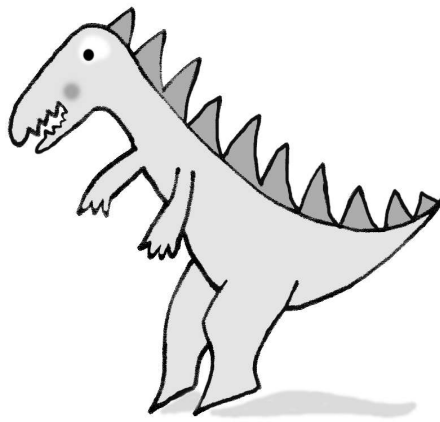


Dinosaur Fact or Fiction

Have your class brainstorm on what they know about dinosaurs. Talk about the difference between facts, theories and speculations. Have each student write a narrative piece, like a letter to a friend, about dinosaur facts and have them make-up their own theories and speculations about what really happened to the dinosaurs.

Dinoscapes


You will need:
white construction paper
butcher paper
opaque projector
dinosaur pictures from books
markers
Crayola crayons
various textures, sandpaper, corrugated cardboard, leaves,
embossed wallpaper samples, etc.



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Art Vocabulary Words:
Texture
line
color
pattern
Science Vocabulary
Words:
extinct
Fossil
habitat
warm-blooded
cold-blooded
herbivores

- * Tape construction paper to wall. Let each child choose the dinosaur they would like to work on. Project a picture of a dinosaur using an opaque projector onto the paper. Trace the outline of the dinosaur with a marker.
- * Remove the dinosaur drawing you've now created from the wall and have the students decorate their own dinosaur by placing different textures under the picture and rubbing with the side of a crayon. Encourage the children to mix up the textures on the dinosaur so they can experiment with lots of patterns and textures.
- * Have the students cut around the outline of the dinosaur.
- * Allow small groups of students to work together to make a habitat for the dinosaurs by coloring or painting the butcher paper.
- * Attach dinosaurs to butcher paper.

Dinosaur Web Resources

 **Dinobuzz:** Current topics concerning dinosaurs
www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/diapsids/dinobuzz.html 

 "Science for a changing world" The United States Geological Society
pubs.usgs.gov/gip/dinosaurs/

The Dinosaur Hall: Dinosaur photography from Smithsonian Exhibit
photo2.si.edu/dino/dino.html

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Here's a list of books to enjoy with your students!



The Dinosaur Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta, illustrations by Ralph Masiello. This is an alphabet book filled with scientific descriptions of dinosaurs. It is very informative and a good dinosaur resource.

Dinosaurs - Over 100 questions and answers to things you want to know by Dan Abnett and Nik Vincent. How big were the dinosaurs? Where in the world did the dinosaurs live? These questions and many others are answered in this beautifully illustrated book.

Make it Work! Dinosaurs written by Dr. Mike Benton. A dinosaur "craft" type book. Good diagrams, photographs and instructions on how to make dinosaur models, timelines, games, etc. Ideal for ideas on more complex projects.

The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins by B. Kerley, illustrations by B. Selznick. The true story of the man who made life-sized models of dinosaurs for Queen Victoria. This beautiful book has wonderfully imaginative illustrations, is a great story, and is new on the market. If you haven't seen it, look for it. It is worth the search!

How Dinosaurs Say Goodnight by J. Yolen, illustrations by Mark Teague. Clever story and fun book to read out loud, but allow time for the students to study the illustrations. You don't want to miss a detail!

Dinosaur Activity Idea!

Reproduce these patterns on lightweight cardboard. Now have your students use the patterns and draw the dinosaur shapes on construction weight paper that has been folded in half. (Use the fold as the back of the dinosaur.) Have each student cut out and decorate 1 side of each of the dinosaur shapes. After the decorating is done, have them research and write a dinosaur fact on the inside of the dinosaur shape. Attach the shapes to a bulletin board as a border or scattered among papers they have written about dinosaurs. The other students can flip them open and read and learn about dinosaurs. (These would also make great nametag shapes!)

