

WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Congratulations! You have discovered a new species of dinosaurs.

You are a paleontologist and you have just found a fossil that has revealed to be a previously undiscovered species of dinosaurs.

Write a journal entry from the point of view of the paleontologist that includes the following information.

1. Description of the physical characteristics of this dinosaur that you can deduce from its fossil.
2. Description of the environment that the dinosaur must have lived in based on its physical description.
3. Information about the dinosaur's day to day life (include its possible preys and predators, food, mating habits, defense mechanisms, etc.).
4. Details explaining the death of this dinosaur that allowed its remains to be fossilized.

You are not required to do research to complete your assignment, however your story must be consistent and be true to the process of fossilization.

You will be assessed using the 6 + 1 traits of writing rubric AND the following rubric for requirements and accuracy.

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
REQUIRED ELEMENTS	The piece of writing includes all required elements as well as additional information.	All required elements are included on the project.	All but 1 of the required elements are included on the project.	Several required elements were missing.
ACCURACY X2	All content in product was accurate, pertained to the topic and used appropriately.	All content in product was accurate, pertained to the topic and was used appropriately.	All content in product was mostly accurate, some details are vague, or not used appropriately.	Some content in product was accurate; details were vague, or unclear.
6 + 1 TRAITS OF WRITING RUBRIC (/35 POINTS) X3	Scored between 30 and 35 points.	Scored between 25 and 29 points.	Scored between 17 and 24 points.	Scored less than 17 points.