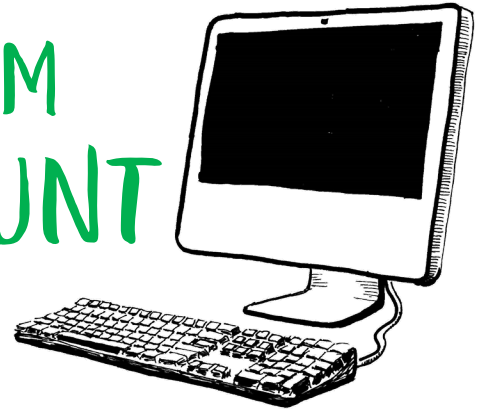




# VIRTUAL MUSEUM SCAVENGER HUNT



Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC

## Travel Back in Time!

Enter the Travel Back in Time exhibit here: [https://naturalhistory2.si.edu/vt3/NMNH/z\\_tour-022.html](https://naturalhistory2.si.edu/vt3/NMNH/z_tour-022.html)

Travel into the green area on the map and use the arrows or click on the dots in the map to move between different displays.

1. Can you find the skeleton of a large extinct mammal that looks like an elephant?

Zoom in on the exhibit sign. This animal is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Click on the arrow pointing to big rainforest trees on the right side of the room.  
Fill in the blank to complete the following sentence:

“Sixty million years ago, the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ than it is today.”

3. Find the section of the room called “Mass Extinction” and explore the display about the asteroid impact from 66 million years ago. List three things that happened within days of the asteroid’s impact:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

4. Keep moving through the center of the room to the next exhibit. You are now looking at fossils of the last dinosaurs to live in North America before the asteroid impact.

Many dinosaurs were \_\_\_\_\_, meaning they only ate plants.

5. Can you spot the T. Rex fossil in the next section? Wow, it’s big!

The T. Rex is called the \_\_\_\_\_ of Carnivores because it was the largest meat eater in western North America at the time.

6. Head over to the “Age of Humans” gallery. (Hint: this is across from the T. Rex skeleton). Find the sign that says “We’re changing the planet faster than any other species in Earth’s history.” What is one thing you learned?

7. Click on the blue arrow on the ground. Find the display about the Human Footprint. Zoom in on the section about North America. Name 2 animal species that are listed as extinct:

- 1.
- 2.

8. Leave the “Age of Humans” gallery by moving down the ramp past the information about extinction and evolution. We are going to check out the “Important of Insects” now! Can you find the definition of “trilobite” and write it below?

9. Keep moving through the exhibit. You can use the map in the corner to help you find your way to the Fossil Basecamp Education Center. Can you find the display about estimating how old a fossil is? What is the scientific name for that process?

*Here’s a hint:* R\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_.

10. Finally, let’s take a look at the FossilLab. Since we can’t go inside, we’re going to zoom in really close and write down five things we can see through the windows:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

