

Writing Prompt #7  
Due 10/1

Please answer these questions **BEFORE** reading **Chapter 8 AND the online articles**! There are no right or wrong answers, I just want you to explore what you know and what you think you know before reading the text.

1. What is your name?
2. What is a fossil?
3. You are walking in the woods one day, and you notice a fossil sticking out of a rock face. How might you go about figuring out what it is, when it came from, and what its behavior may have been like when it was alive?

AFTER READING

1. Why do so few living things (especially animals) make it through the fossilization process?
2. Describe 2 techniques (relative or absolute) for dating fossils.