

# Fossil Clues

## Procedure

- 1. Collaborate** Work with a partner.
- 2. Observe** Use a hand lens to examine fossil A and fossil B.  
A fossil is the very old remains of a plant or animal.
- 3. Infer** Try to identify whether a plant or an animal made fossil A. Try to identify the parts of the living thing that fossil A came from. Record your ideas in the chart below.

Fossil	Plant or Animal	Parts that Made Fossil
A		
B		

- 4.** Repeat step 3 for fossil B.

## Conclusion

Write the answers to the questions below.

1. **Classify** What parts of the living thing do you recognize from its fossil? What living things did they come from?

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2. **Infer** What kind of environment do you think the organism that made fossil A lived in? What makes you think this?

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3. **Infer** What kind of environment do you think the organism that made fossil B lived in? What makes you think this?

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## Investigate More!

**Research** Find out about fossil hunting in your state or region. What kinds of fossils have been found? What do these fossils tell about the living things of long ago?