

National Fossil Day Assignment

ASSIGNMENT: Match the name of the dinosaur fossil to the description below.

NAMES

1. *Bambiraptor Feinberg*
2. *Pelecanimimus*
3. *Gargoyleosaurus*
4. *Giraffatitan*
5. *Dracorex Hogwartsia*

DESCRIPTIONS

- A. This fossil derives its name from a gothic form of architecture or character. As a herbivore, it would eat low growing plants that existed during the Jurassic period.
- B. Unlike the Disney character it was named after, this dinosaur was a carnivore. As the only predator on the list, it's important to note part of its name translates to plunderer or thief.
- C. A few characteristics that hint at this dinosaur's namesake include that it was discovered in Africa, it was an herbivore, and because of one physical feature, it could always reach the highest leaves in the trees.
- D. Making our imaginations soar, this fossil discovery was named after a modern fictional character. Don't fear this dragon king; it's a herbivore.
- E. This omnivore had a pouch along its neck and was discovered in around modern-day Spain. It lived during the Cretaceous period, about 125 – 135 million years ago and likely aquatic plants, fish and other water-loving species, much like its namesake.

DICTIONARY WORK: Look up the following words to help you with studying fossils

Carnivore

Herbivore

Omnivore

Which are you?

Answer Key

1. B
2. E
3. A
4. C
5. D