

NATIONAL DINOSAUR MUSEUM

Junior Secondary Worksheet

Name: _____

1. The word dinosaur is Greek and means a 'terrible lizard'. Why is this not an appropriate name? _____

2. Why might Coelophysis have been a cannibal?



3. What are Gastroliths and what do they tell us about the Sauropod dinosaurs? _____

4. Propose a theory of how the Australian dinosaurs survived the long Austro-Antarctic winter. _____

5. Explain how scientists know what colour dinosaurs were.

6. What purposes could the frills on Ceratopsian dinosaurs serve?

7. Which group of dinosaurs are birds descended from? _____

8. What does Maiasaura mean and why was this name given?



9. Propose a theory to explain the Cretaceous-Tertiary extinction, including why some animals and plants became extinct and others did not. _____

10. Give some examples of “Convergent Evolution”.

11. Thylacoleo looks like a possum, but what animal is it more closely related to? _____