What is a fossil?

• A, B,C, or D



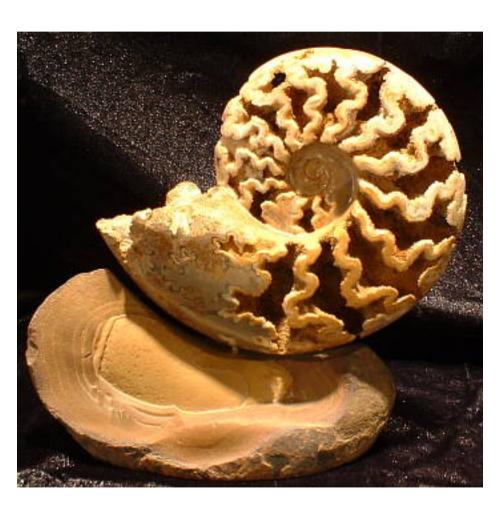
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Definition of a fossil

A fossil is the preserved remains of the life of the past





Or traces of life that lived in the past

= behavioural fossils





Fossils around us







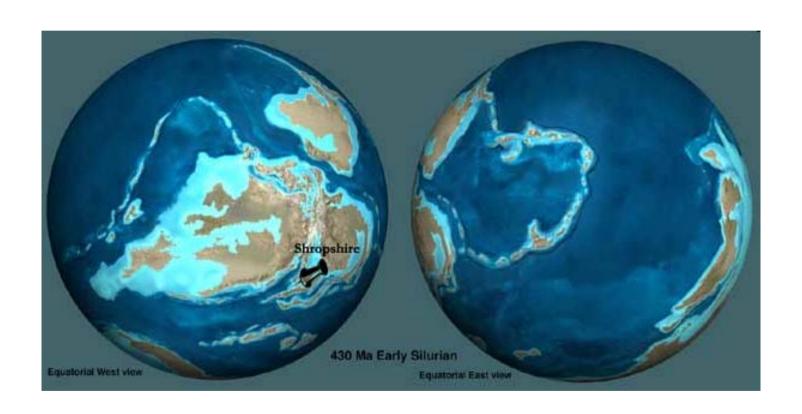
Fossils near us

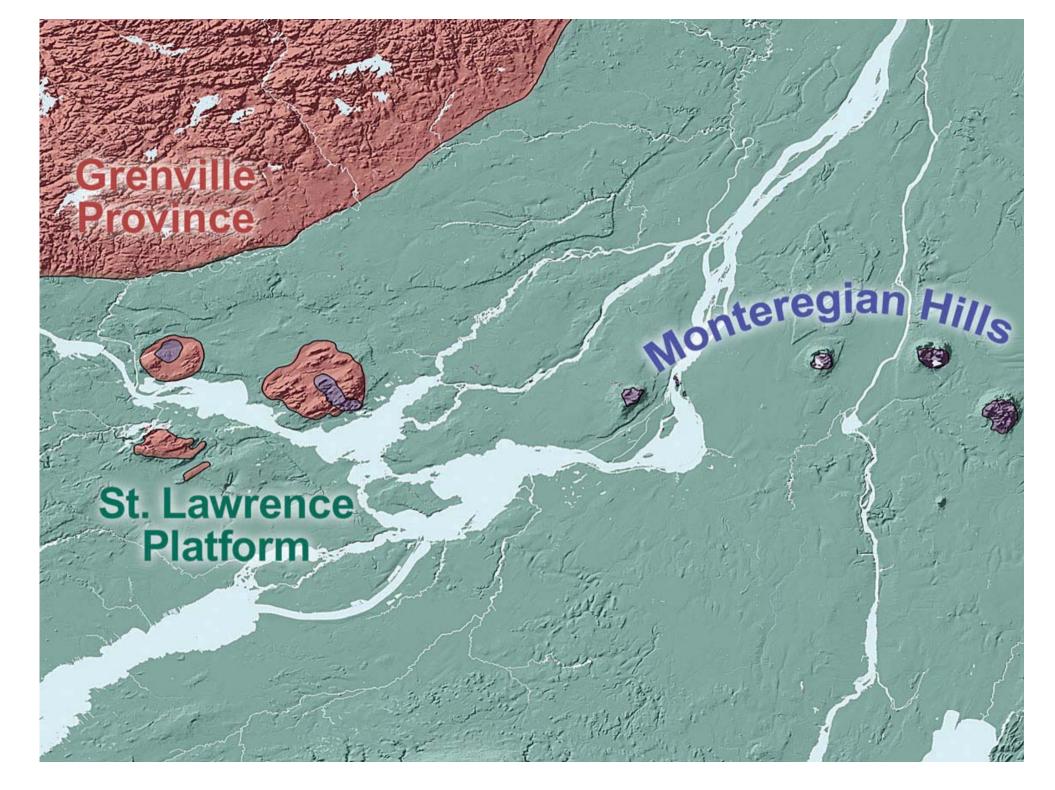




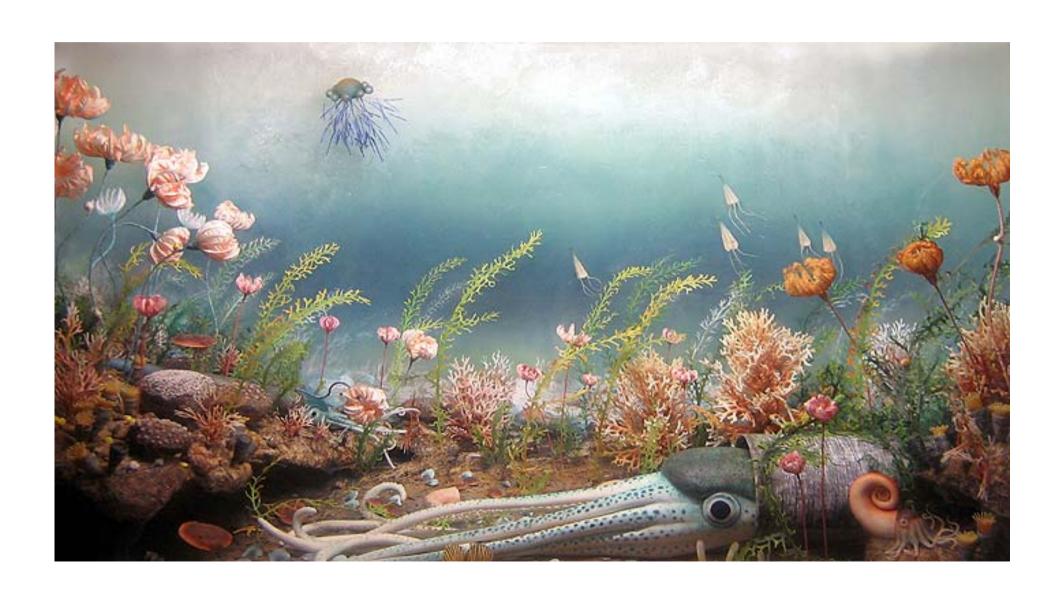


Ordovician life 450 million years ago





Reconstruction of Ordovician sea life



Gastropoda = stomach + foot

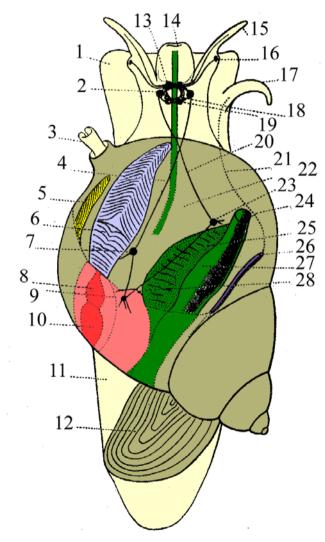






Gastropoda- snails and slugs terrestrial or marine







Brachiopoda = arm + foot



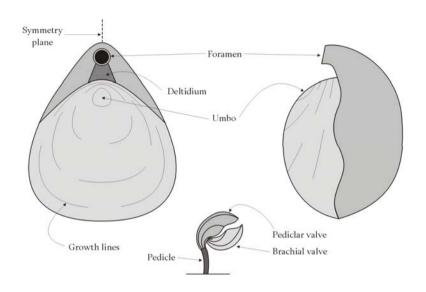


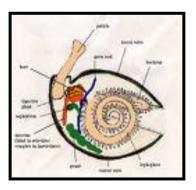




Brachiopods - modern forms







Cephalopoda = head + foot









Fossil cephalopods











Coiled cephalopods









Ceolenterata = hollow + tissue

corals, comb jellies, jelly fish







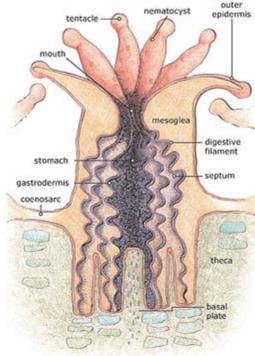




The animal that builds coral







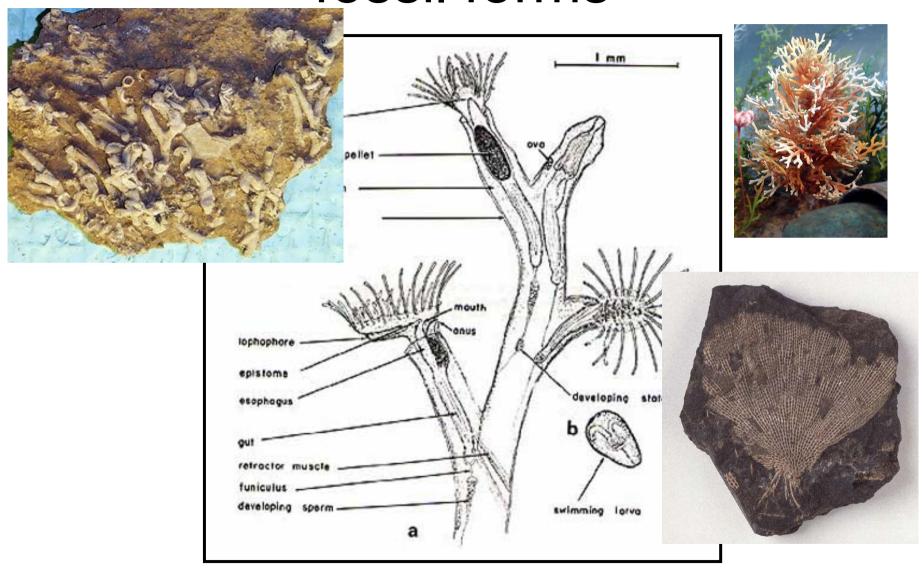
Bryozoans = moss + animal modern forms





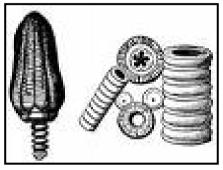


Bryozoa fossil forms



Crinoids and paracrinoids













Crinoids up close



Crinoidea = folded + form









crinoidal limestone

from Carboniferous sea about 320 million years ago



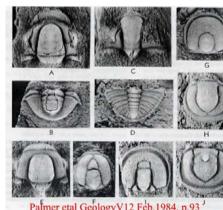


Trilobita = 3 + lobe









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Figure 2. Diagnostic Middle Cambrian tillobles from two boulders of Haymond Formation, J are mature holaspides unless otherwise indicated. A-F are index taxa from Boulder 1. A and Cranidium and prygidium of Maryunis calles Valecti, 4 and -5. C and C: Intermediate holas cranidium and prygidium of Bathyuriscus sp., both -7. E: Cranidium of Trymatsapis aristina flobison, -7. F: Early holaspid cephalon of Prygingovostus hybridos (Broeggen, -26, 6.-) an intermediate holas (Company Aristina (Linnarsson), 1 and J: Cephalon and progious of Perconputs False (Linnarsson), 1 and J: Cephalon and progious of Perconputs False (Linnarsson).

Variety of trilobites







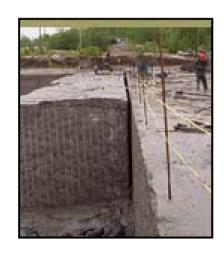


Ordovician fossils

in limestone = calcium carbonate = life stone







The first fossils on land-

What are they? Plant or animal?





