



*Nurturing bonds
for a brighter future*

Your Story Excavator Guide

Using the Dig Site Map to explore
reading and activities together

Your Dig Site Tools

- **Dig Site Map:** An interactive map to different reading challenges and activities
- **Bookmark:** Use it to keep track of where you left off while reading.
- **Activity / Reading Log:** Write down each activity you complete.
 - **You can print as many pages as you need.**

How to Complete the Dig Site Map

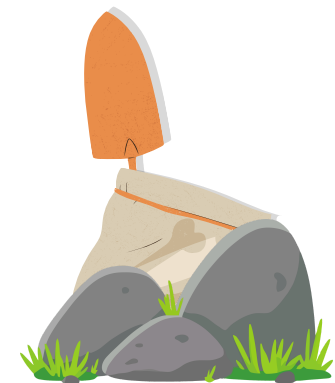
- Complete the activities on the Dig Site Map.
- Write each completed activity in the Activity /Reading Log
- Use the bookmark to keep track of where you left off while reading.
- When all activities are finished, scan the QR Code or click the link to fill out the form and submit pictures of your completed Activity/Reading Log.



[Master Story
Excavator Form](#)



Scan the QR Code



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Unearth a Story

Dinosaur Discovery

Compare fact vs. fiction:

Base Camp

Discover Your Reading Species

What kind of a reader are you?

Volcano Explorer
(Loves excitement!)

T-Rex Reader
(Loves adventure!)

Triceratops Thinker
(Loves facts!)

Fossil Finder
(Loves history!)

Reading Challenge!
Read 3 books of your choice.

Write a short paragraph:
"This summer, I will unearth stories about..."

Reading Challenge!
Read 1 fiction book & 1 nonfiction book about dinosaurs

Families discuss:
"Why do authors mix facts and imagination?"

Dig Site -02

What was real?

What was imagined?

Archaeology Adventure

Create a Home Dig Site

Write a story about what future archaeologists might discover about your family

Reading Challenge!
Read a book about ancient civilizations or A historical discovery

Prompt:
"What story would these objects tell?"

Bury small objects in sand

Dig Site -03

Reading Challenge!
Read 100 minutes this week.

Encourage:
Descriptive language
New vocabulary words

Fossil Files

Create a Fossil Journal Entry:
Write from the perspective of:

A fossil being discovered

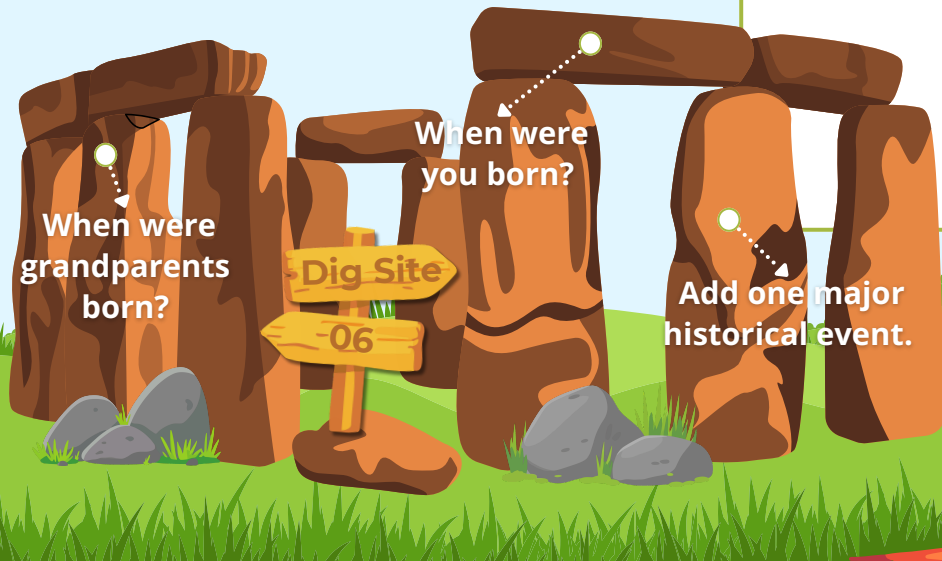
A paleontologist

A dinosaur

Dig Site -04

Time Traveler Trek

Create a Family Timeline



Reading Challenge!

Read a historical fiction book.

Discuss:

How does history shape stories?

Reading Challenge!

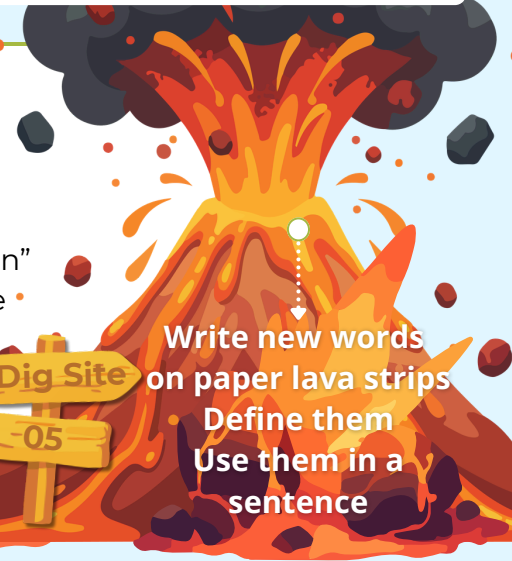
Find 10 new words while reading.

Family Game:

Have a "Word Eruption" night where everyone uses new words in conversation.

Volcano of Vocabulary

Create a "Vocabulary Volcano"



Story Excavation

Excavate your own story!



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Final Goal!

Complete:

8 books or 600+ reading minutes

The Great Unearthing Celebration

Celebration Ideas



The Process of: **Fossilization**



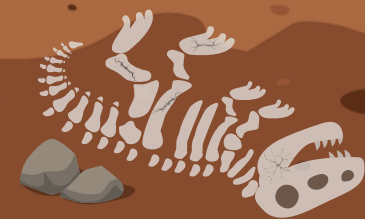
Death



Burial



Lithification



Petrification



Front

Exposure



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Dig Site Activity and Reading Log



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