

# PALEONTOLOGY PRESENTATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

My species \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS:** You will choose, or be assigned to, one of the species on the back. We will spend two class periods in a Computer Lab to research your chosen species and produce a 5-minute Powerpoint presentation. You may work on the presentation elsewhere, but it must be saved to your H: drive before the day of the presentation.

Use the guidelines below to create a quality presentation.

## PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

	<b>POOR</b>	<b>GOOD</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>
<b>Content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inaccurate</li> <li>Incomplete</li> <li>Irrelevant</li> <li>Poor spelling/grammar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mostly Accurate</li> <li>Adequately Complete</li> <li>Fairly Relevant</li> <li>Few spelling/grammar errors (only 1 or 2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very Accurate</li> <li>Very Complete</li> <li>Very Relevant</li> <li>No spelling/grammar errors</li> </ul>
<b>Organization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poor title page</li> <li>Disorganized</li> <li>Poor Conclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adequate Title Page</li> <li>Some Structure</li> <li>Good Conclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong Title Page</li> <li>Logical, Coherent Structure</li> <li>Memorable Conclusion</li> </ul>
<b>Presentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plain Backgrounds</li> <li>No / irrelevant / poor quality graphics / photos</li> <li>No, confusing, or distracting movement or sound</li> <li>Unbalanced use of above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good backgrounds</li> <li>Balanced use of relevant graphics, photos</li> <li>OK use of movement or sound</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creative, imaginative</li> <li>Interesting, relevant backgrounds</li> <li>Exceptionally interesting, relevant and effective graphics and photos</li> <li>Movement is smooth, consistent and supports presentation</li> <li>Sound supports presentation</li> </ul>
<b>Speaker</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poor posture</li> <li>Voice is weak, mumbling, stumbling, confused</li> <li>Little or no eye contact</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good posture</li> <li>Voice is audible, clear, and makes few mistakes</li> <li>Good eye contact</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good, confident, enthusiastic posture &amp; body language</li> <li>Voice is strong, clear, positive and makes few mistakes</li> <li>Good eye contact and some smiling</li> <li>Audience interaction</li> </ul>
<b>Length</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt;3m or &gt;7m</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3-7 minutes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4-6 minutes</li> </ul>
<b>Q &amp; A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poor grasp of subject</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pretty good answers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledgeable answers</li> </ul>

## SUGGESTED PRESENTATION SPECIES

1. Tyrannosaurus rex
2. Stegosaurus
3. Apatosaurus
4. Spinosaurus
5. Brachiosaurus
6. Triceratops
7. Allosaurus
8. Velicoraptor
9. Diplodocus
10. Pteranodon
11. Smilodon (saber cat)
12. Mastodon
13. Mammuthus
14. Equus (horse)
15. Glyptodon (armadillo-like)
16. Megatherium (giant sloth)
17. Castoroides (beaver)
18. Brontops (rhino)
19. Hoplophoneus
20. Canis dirus (dire wolf)
21. Teratornis (giant flying bird)
22. Diatryma (giant ground bird)
23. Arctodus simus (giant short-faced bear)
24. Cervalces scotti (stag moose)