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## **Fossil Word Match**

**Directions:** Match each fossil-related word to its correct meaning.

trace fossil

age of something compared to other things

fossilization

the process by which the remains of ancient living things are turned to rock

sedimentary • rock

fossilized dinosaur dung

mineralization •

a fossilized sign that a plant or animal once lived in an area

coprolite •

rock made of layers of tightly packed sand and clay

fossils •

to fill with a mineral substance and convert to a new mineral form

paleontologist •

a scientist who studies fossils and ancient life

amber •

hardened tree sap

absolute age •

remains of ancient life that have been turned to stone

relative age •

specific age of a rock or fossil