

Vocabulary for Dinosaur Prophecy

- Asteroid –noun– rocky object orbiting the sun, smaller than a planet
 Atmosphere –noun- liquid and gas surrounding a planet
 Continent –noun- major land mass
 Cretaceous –noun- last period in the Mesozoic
 Fossil –noun- evidence of life from more the 10,000 years ago
 Jurassic –noun- middle part of the Mesozoic
 Pangaea –noun- all of the Earth’s landmasses joined together 200-300 million years ago
 Triassic –noun- first part of the Mesozoic
 Mesozoic –noun- era of prehistoric time from about 225-65 million years ago, also known as the Age of Dinosaurs
 Strata –noun- layers of sedimentary rock
 Sediment –noun- mineral or organic matter that settles to the bottom of a body of water

Use this chart to organize the time periods in your mind. The oldest parts are on the bottom.

Cenozoic Era	Quaternary	now
	Tertiary	
Mesozoic Era	Cretaceous	Ended 65 million years ago
	Jurassic	
	Triassic	
Paleozoic Era		Ended 245 million years ago
Precambrian		Ended 570 million years ago

- Excavate –verb- expose by digging
 Extinct –adj- no longer alive on earth
 Ecosystem –noun- community of organisms with and their environment
 Evolution –noun- all of the changes that have transformed life on Earth from its earliest beginnings to the diversity that characterizes it today
 Paleontology –noun- the study of fossils
 Predator –noun- animal that hunts other animals for food
 Prey –noun- animal that is hunted by other animals
 Preserve –verb- keep safe, keep in existence
 Quarry –noun- a pit from in which stone and fossils are found
 Sauropod –noun- dinosaur with long neck and tail that walked on 4 feet